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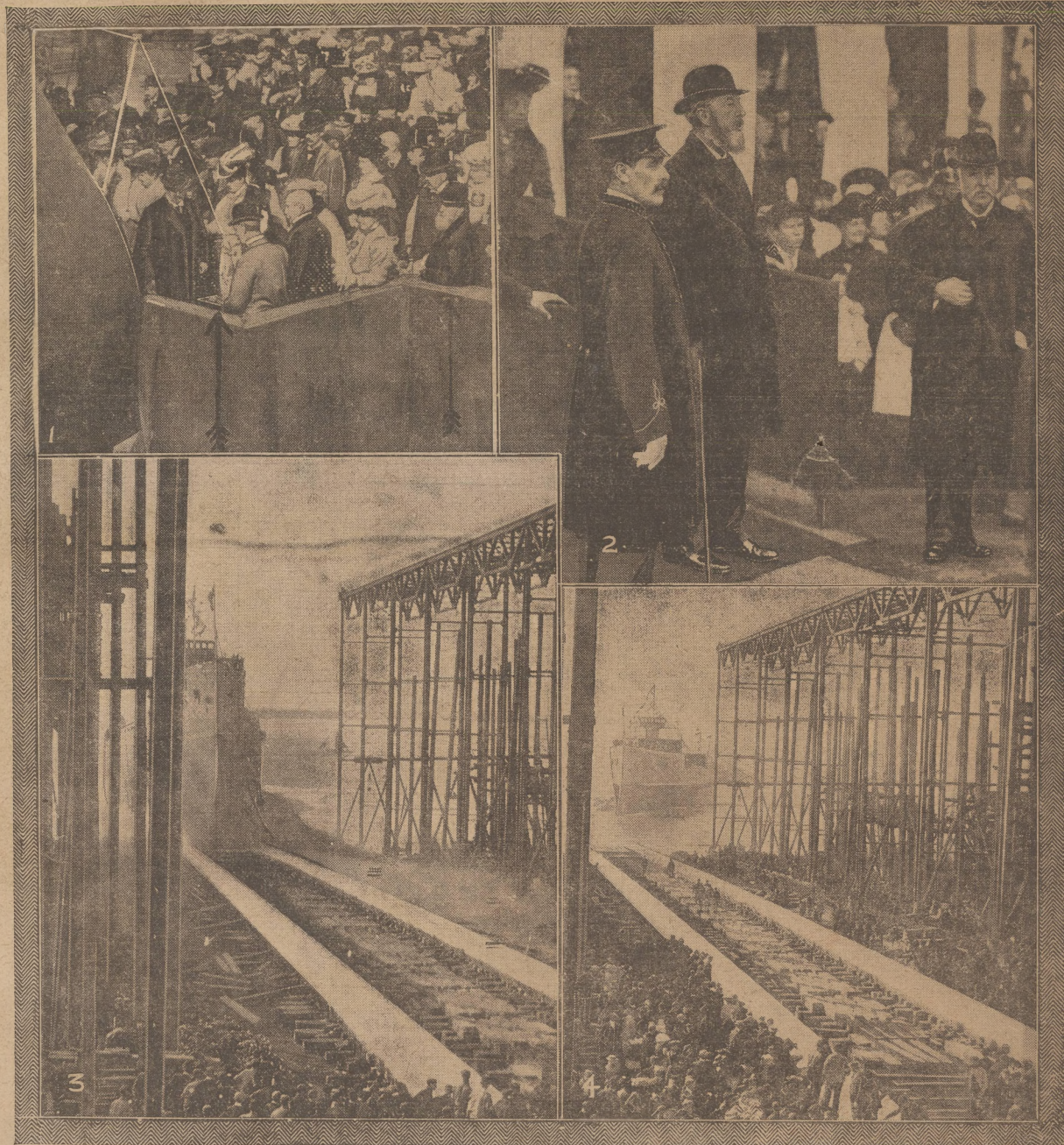
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## LAUNCHING THE "NATAL," ENGLAND'S NEWEST COLONIAL WARSHIP.



The Natal, the new cruiser which has been built by Messrs. Vickers, Sons, and Maxim, at Barrow, was launched on Saturday by the Duchess of Devonshire. The Natal is 480ft. long, with 73ft. 6in. beam, and will have a speed of twenty-two knots. The photographs, taken by a special photographic correspondent of the *Daily Mirror*, show—(1) the Duchess of Devonshire about to pull the cord releasing the vessel—the Duchess and the Duke are indicated by arrows; (2) the Duke of Devonshire (left) and Mr. Vickers (right), after the Natal had left the slips; (3) just as the vessel took the water; and (4) afloat. Natal pays part of the cost of this cruiser.







## KAISER'S ENVOY ON OUR ARMY.

Finds Imbecility and Weakness of Mind Everywhere.

### SECRET REPORT.

"German Army Could Pitch Camp in Three Days in Trafalgar Square."

### OFFICERS' "BLODSINN."

Our Generals Silly and Infantry Leaders Undisciplined.

"If a German army landed at Hull it would pitch its camp in Trafalgar-square within three days after landing."

"British generalship, as revealed in the recent army manoeuvres, is mere blödsinn (i.e., weakness of mind, imbecility, silliness)."

That, in two sentences, is the opinion of a private envoy of the Kaiser, who has been watching the mock defence of London conducted by General French last week. He has prepared for the Kaiser's secret perusal a remarkable document, it is a report of a quite confidential character, and contains many statements which will come as a shock to the British public, and, possibly, to the Army authorities.

That report has been perused by a high authority upon German affairs, and we are enabled, before even it has met the eye of the Kaiser, to place it in substance before our readers.

The author is Captain Otto von Lossberg, a noted military expert who has just left London for Berlin. Captain von Lossberg watched the mock attack upon London ostensibly as the representative of "The Neue Militarische-Politische Korrespondenz," the official mouthpiece of the German General Staff.

In that journal he will give a general account of the manoeuvres, but the private report (of which we are able to give the chief points) will never see the light, even in Germany.

#### "IMBECILITY."

This is what the Kaiser will read. He will be told in the first place that Sir John French's mock defence of London was mere "blödsinn," the remarkable word given above, and conveying the bitter idea of contempt a German can express.

Our generals, as the basic idea of the manoeuvres, held that a Continental army of about 300,000 could be repelled, and that the capture of London could be averted.

This, again, is "blödsinn," says Captain von Lossberg, of the most ridiculous kind.

"In point of fact," says Captain von Lossberg, "I am of opinion that a German army of 300,000 men, or, indeed, any Continental army of like dimensions, would be able to pitch camp in Trafalgar-square within three days after landing at Hull."

It will be remembered that General Sir John French calculated that such an invading force could be held at bay for at least a fortnight, and that it could eventually be driven off.

#### MORE "WEAKNESS OF MIND."

"Blödsinn" is again the criticism. It would be the height of military absurdity, according to the captain, for 270,000 men in an actual invasion to lie idle at Hull and Chester for five days, as the forces did during the manoeuvres.

Turning from the general scheme to the detail work of the higher officers, we find "blödsinn" everywhere. "The British Army, as I have seen it, has a great lack of higher officers possessed of the great qualities of leadership," says the captain.

In the infantry, according to Captain von Lossberg, "blödsinn" is quite the rule.

He was "especially impressed" with the "lack of discipline and soldierly appearance" in the infantry forces, and he even considers them inferior to the cavalry brigade, whose horses were "unable to keep the field for even a practice week."

#### "FATAL ATTENUATION."

The report reveals the "fatal attenuation" of the "infantry cadres" (i.e., complement of officers), and actual figures are given which make plain the weakness of the Army Corps when actually in the field.

It is refreshing to find even one department where "blödsinn" and stupidity are not the rule.

Strange to say, in direct contradiction to the British military critics who so sharply attack the Royal Field Artillery, Captain von Lossberg considers this the most efficient branch of the British service. Perhaps this leaning is because the field-guns are of German manufacture.

Instead of calling them "obsolete" and "the worst guns in Europe," as our critics have done, the German authority says that with the addition of protection shields they would be more effective than any other gun manufactured.

As a proof of this efficiency of the German-made guns, he cites the fact that Brigadier-General Crozier, Chief of Ordnance in the United States Army, has just placed a large order for these guns with the Ehrhardt Company of Unterleus, Germany.

At a trial of the guns held a fortnight ago, General Crozier stated that he had searched all Europe for the best gun made, and had found it in Germany.

He placed the order abroad in the face of a storm of protest from American manufacturers, who contended that all their artillery should be made in the United States.

The mounted infantry are next in efficiency to the artillery. It is significant that the service has not as yet been established in Germany.

#### ARE WE SAFE AT SEA?

Of course, Captain von Lossberg admits that a German force of 800,000 men (requiring, as it would, 250 transport ships) would be impossible unless there was a bad attack of "blödsinn" in the British Navy as well as in the British Army. The thing could not be done unless Great Britain had lost her command of the sea.

Still, he points out that Great Britain is not evidently quite sure of retaining the command of the sea.

The Imperial Committee of Defence apparently takes seriously the chance of a Continental invasion, or the recent defence manoeuvres would not have taken place. This is a point the Kaiser will read with interest.

When seen at the Howard Hotel, Norfolk-street, Strand, by the *Daily Mirror* just before he was leaving for Berlin, Captain von Lossberg admitted that these startling observations regarding the British Army would be conveyed to the Kaiser's military leaders.

"It is true," he said, "that I consider the whole plan of the defence of London absurd."

#### WALKING-STICK OFFICERS.

"The manoeuvres might far better have been conducted between 'blue' and 'red' armies. Then there would have been no such ridiculous premise as that London could not be taken by any invading force which had landed on English soil."

As to the possibility of such a force landing, that is a question which your military leaders have answered for you by conducting these manoeuvres."

Captain von Lossberg then touched upon the fatal weakness of the infantry officers, and mentioned several flagrant cases of lack of discipline.

Although these manoeuvres were to be as like as possible to actual warfare, I did not see a single officer carrying a revolver or a sword, or any weapon more formidable than a walking-stick. This laziness on the part of the officers could not help hurting the discipline of the men.

"The infantry was decidedly slouchy and unsoldierly on all its marches."

#### A SOLDIER OF FORTUNE.

Captain von Lossberg's military experience is such that his opinions will be of the greatest importance in Berlin. Besides being at one time attached to the German General Staff he has served in two foreign armies.

He was a colonel of artillery in the Boer army, and was wounded at Spion Kop and Colenso. He is now carrying a British bullet in his body which he received in one of these engagements.

Previous to the South African war this soldier of fortune was attached to the staff of General Miles in the American Porto Rican campaign, and later he served on the staff of the American army in the Philippines.

### MIDNIGHT TELEGRAMS.

The skeleton of a huge prehistoric monster, different from any before found, has been discovered, says Lafan, at Laramie, Colorado. It is 30ft. long.

Myriads of small black flies have invaded the western end of Dover from the Channel, covering the roads, pier, and buildings, and greatly inconveniencing the inhabitants.

PARIS, Saturday.—A telegram from Tangier to the "Echo de Paris" states that a fresh diplomatic incident has arisen in Morocco in consequence of the arrest and imprisonment of an American citizen.

Besides seventy pounds of dynamite discovered at the Austro-Hungarian Hospital in Constantinople, a quantity of fuses, gun-cotton, and gunpowder and apparatus for making bombs has been found.—Renter.

### TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Our special weather forecast for to-day is.—Strong westerly to northerly winds; cold, cloudy, and unsettled; rain at times generally.

Lighting-up time: 6.37 p.m.

Sea passages will be rather rough generally, with extra high tides.

## "TRAIN MYSTERY" EXPERIMENTS.

Suspected First-Class Coach Taken to Merstham Tunnel.

### IMPORTANT TESTS.

Doors Could Have Been Opened Without Striking the Walls.

The mystery of the tunnel tragedy deepens day by day.

So far the police, prosecuting inquiries in every direction, have to admit that they have been completely baffled, and now public opinion is wavering between the theories of murder and suicide.

On Saturday night a remarkable and quite a new element in the case came to light. It is authoritatively stated that the Home Office expert has discovered traces of poison in the body, and it is said that a third autopsy will be necessary.

There is a growing idea that the case is not one of murder at all.

A railway official is responsible for the following statement:—"She herself opened the carriage door. And if she had a companion he was not responsible for the act. I believe she had one, and it may be—mind, I don't know—that the police already have him under observation, perhaps in custody."

"There may have been a lover's quarrel—a violent struggle—possibly a criminal assault. But I believe he opened the door, with no intention of suicide, to frighten the man who travelled with her, and then fell, her veil being blown into her throat by the rush of air."

"The man then rapidly seized her purse and handkerchief, afraid of being implicated, and held his tongue."

The railway company yesterday ran a special over the route taken by the train in which Miss Money is supposed to have travelled.

Their experiment showed that the door of the first-class coach in which Miss Money is supposed to have travelled might have been opened in the tunnel to its fullest extent without touching the side. The coach was part of old rolling-stock narrower than the later types.

### CONSULTING THE SPIRITS.

The "Daily Mirror" Receives Mysterious Suggestions at a Seance.

While police officers have been examining carriages and cross-examining friends of Miss Money, and newspapers have been evolving theories as to the cause of her murder, writes a *Daily Mirror* representative, I have been consulting the spirits. I have only wasted my time.

Sitting in the room of a lady who has been interested in spiritualism for many years, three friends and I laid the tips of our fingers upon a planchette, which, as is well known, is used for the conveyance of communications from the unseen world.

After twenty minutes or so the planchette moved and in answer to the question, "Who is there?" wrote the name, "Merthyr Guest."

Merthyr Guest was a well-known Downlis iron-master who died last year and left over £120,000, and who, in his youth, was a close friend of my hostess.

Little else but his name was obtained from the "spirit" on the first occasion. Two nights afterwards he related how he had just been to the Zoological Gardens and wrote, just as a child would, a list of the animals he had seen.

On Friday, however, he was in a more serious mood. Instead of joking he was guilty of deliberate misrepresentation.

In answer to the question, "How did Miss Money die?" he wrote, "Murdered."

#### CLUE OF THE SPIRITS.

"Who was the murderer?" he was then asked. We waited amid a painful silence while he spelled out the name and address:

TED G—

Coal Merchant,

21, Cumberland-street,

Camden Town.

Then in answer to further questions "Merthyr Guest" said that "G—," the "murderer," would be arrested next Friday by Police-constable Duploon (61), of Kensal Rise, and that it would be known on Tuesday that "he" had given the correct name of the murderer. The police were already on the right track, "he" said.

The motive was money, we were also told, and when we asked what cash Miss Money had that would excite the greed of a coal merchant, the "spirit" replied: "She had a lot in her old purse."

"Why shan't we know you are telling the truth until Tuesday?" I asked.

"Because I—, a jobbing builder, of Kensal

Rise, bet that he could not use the keys and let the money," was the cryptic answer.

Pressed for a further explanation, the "spirit" continued, "Early in the morning of the murder, he pulled a latch open in the long black tunnel and used white powder to restore her, not wishing to stifle his victim. Perhaps he wished to race for his life."

My hostess told me that her long experience of "spirits" proved that she often were, and that she placed no reliance whatever upon what they said, but curiosity prompted me to make inquiries.

I found that there was no Cumberland-street in Camden Town, and that there was no man named G— living in Cumberland-street, Hampstead-road, or at 21, Cumberland-street, Hampstead-road, which are almost equally distant from Camden Town.

There is no Police-constable Duploon in Kensal Rise, I am told, and although there are several builders in London named J—, it is ridiculous to think that either of them knows anyone connected with the tragedy.

### MISS MONEY'S FRIEND.

Young Man Who Has Come Forward To Give All the Information He Can.

An important witness is likely to be forthcoming at to-day's inquest.

This is a young gentleman who was acquainted with Miss Money, and was away on a holiday at Brighton at the time of her mysterious death.

As he knew Miss Money, and had, it is believed, even given her presents, he has been invited to give at the adjourned inquest to-day his version of the affair.

Whether his evidence will be instrumental in throwing much-needed light on the mystery is not at present certain.

He has expressed his perfect willingness to give all the assistance he can to secure the solution of the problem that at present baffles police and public alike.

### NEARING SOLUTION.

Police, Still Actively Pursuing Inquiries, Continue Reticent.

As the result of yesterday's activities on the part of the police and detectives there is a growing feeling of confidence that the mystery of the murder of Miss Money is nearing solution.

Police-sergeant Baily and P.C. Carr, of the Surrey Police, left Merstham for London to prosecute inquiries which may have a potent outcome. If it be correct that the carriage has been discovered, which the railway authorities have grounds for believing was the one in which Miss Money travelled, it will undoubtedly be an aid to the solution of the crime.

The deputy coroner, Mr. F. Nightingale, informed a Press representative yesterday that he is withholding the interment order.

### IMPORTANT TESTS.

Door of Suspected First-Class Coach Can Be Opened Wide in Tunnel.

At 11.15 yesterday morning the train which left London Bridge last Sunday night at 9.15, and in which Miss Money is believed to have travelled from Croydon to the tunnel in which she met her death, was taken to Merstham, in the charge of prominent officials of the company.

Elaborate experiments were made in the tunnel but were strictly private. We are able to state, however, that it was found that the doors of carriage number 508, from which it is practically certain Miss Money fell, will open wide without touching the side of the tunnel.

The carriage is part of some old rolling-stock of the Brighton Company, and much narrower than more modern first-class carriages.

The make-up of the train was as follows:—413, guard's van; 140, second and third class composite coach; 508, first-class; 793, third-class; 261, third-class; 1,118, third-class; 20, guard's brake.

### POISON THEORY.

Suggestions of a New Development at To-day's Inquest.

It is suggested that a new and remarkable theory will be advanced at to-day's inquest.

It is believed, states a Sunday paper, that the medical examination discovered traces of poison in those parts of the body which were taken to the hospital for autopsy.

On Thursday last Dr. Willcox made his first examination, and as a result of it decided to examine the viscera and other parts taken by Dr. Crickett.

He gave as his reason, that he wished to know whether traces of poison could be found.

Until a late hour on Saturday night, Dr. Willcox was engaged on his important task, and there is no doubt in the minds of the police that the evidence laid before the coroner at to-day's inquest by the doctors will prove that Miss Money died from poison.



## DOVER TO BE A NAVAL BASE.

Admiralty Intend Making the Port a  
Channel Gibraltar.

### ELABORATE SCHEME.

With the shifting of the balance of power, a great scheme of Imperial defence has been formulated, and will be immediately put into practice—namely, the establishment of naval bases at Gibraltar, Dover, and Singapore in place of Wei-hai-Wei, Tsingumalee, Halifax, and Esquimaux.

Intention to make Dover a first-class naval base and fortress has been arrived at owing to its fine strategical position. It was announced yesterday in the "Observer."

The Admiralty Harbour at Dover has made such rapid progress that the southern breakwater, 4,000ft. long, although commenced only twelve months ago, is expected to be completed in eighteen months' time.

To give an idea of the gigantic nature of this great southern breakwater, it may be stated that the solid masonry is constructed in 45ft. of water at low tide, is 70ft. thick at the base, and about 100ft. high.

In eighteen months the harbour will be completely protected from the sea, and will also afford the fleets lying in it complete immunity from torpedo attack.

As soon as it is completed the reserve divisions located at Chatham, Portsmouth, and Plymouth will be stationed permanently at Dover, and become a fleet in being instead of divided units.

To prevent hostile torpedo boats from forcing the two entrances, one of which will be 800ft. and the other 600ft., electric machinery is now being fitted on the piers for spanning the gaps with huge cables in several tiers which can be instantly lowered or raised.

### MR. ROOSEVELT'S PERILS.

Axle Breaks While the President and His Family Are Driving.

NEW YORK, Saturday.—President Roosevelt had a narrow escape from injury in a carriage accident today.

With his wife and family, he was driving from Sagamore Hill to the station, when the axle broke and the body of the carriage tilted.

They clung to the seats, and the guards promptly seized the horses and prevented them from bolting. Although much shaken, Mr. Roosevelt and his family proceeded on their journey to Washington.

—Exchange.

### THE COUNT WITTE.

Ennobled by the Tsar, Who Calls Him the  
Ablest Diplomatist in the World.

The Tsar has conferred on M. Witte the title of Count.

He lunched with the Emperor on Saturday morning, says an Exchange telegram, and had a most cordial reception.

The Emperor proposed his health, declaring him to be the ablest diplomat in the world and a noble patriot.

Unrest continues in Poland, M. Julius Kunitzer, the director of the great cotton firm of Heintzel, Kunitzer, and Company, being shot dead in a tramway-car by two workmen, says Reuter.

Beau advices received from Tiflis state that work has been resumed in eight factories in the district.

### PACE TURNED TRAITOR.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

PARIS, Sunday.—M. Vermeise, a money-changer, was yesterday crossing the Place de l'Opera on his bicycle when, passing automobile, he recognized an individual who, fifteen years ago, swindled him to the amount of £480.

The changer started in pursuit, and his quarry would have escaped but for the fact that the culprit was arrested for motoring at excessive speed.

### "THE KING THEIR ONLY FRIEND."

Speaking at an agricultural gathering near Spalding, Mr. Fydel Rowley, J.P., of St. Neot's, referred to the King as "a brother farmer," and said that, when he noted the unwillingness of the authorities to do anything for agriculturists, he sometimes felt that the King was the only friend they had.

October 20 has been fixed as the date for the hearing at Cairo of the great lawsuit brought by the sons and daughter of Ismail Pasha for the restoration of funds in dispute.

## LORD CURZON'S RETURN.

Postponement Will Enable Him to  
Welcome the Prince and Princess.

Due, it is understood, to the express wishes of the King, Lord Curzon's plans have been entirely changed. It is arranged that he is to meet the Prince and Princess of Wales in India.

Lord Curzon, says Reuter, will leave Simla on October 23, when he will proceed to Dehra Dun to inspect the Imperial Cadet Corps. His Excellency will then go to Jammu to invest the Maharajah of Kashmir with higher powers, and, after visiting Lahore and Indore, will arrive at Bombay in time to welcome the royal visitors.

He will sail from Bombay on November 18, after meeting Lord Minto, the new Viceroy.

The Princess of Wales went to Portsmouth on Saturday to inspect the quarters prepared for her on board H.M.S. Renown. The Renown still possesses the outward appearance of the battleship, although painted white from stem to stern and with gilt adornments and a green band. Internally the vessel has been converted into a comfortable yacht.

Her Royal Highness spent nearly three hours in looking over the royal apartments on board, and made several suggestions for alterations in matters of detail.

### THE KING IN THE HIGHLANDS.

Picturesque Ceremony at the Opening of the  
New Bridge Across the Dee.

The King opened the new Victoria Bridge spanning the River Dee, at Mar Lodge, on Saturday, with picturesque Highland ceremony. His Majesty wore Highland dress, and drove up in a motor-car. On the King's arrival the Duke of Fife's Duff Highlanders gave three ringing cheers.

His Majesty drove across the bridge between ranks of Highlanders, while the pipers played stirring strains.

The bridge has been erected by the Duke of Fife. It is 200ft. in length and 12ft. wide. The old wooden bridge which it replaces was erected in 1848, the year Queen Victoria and the Prince Consort spent autumn at Balmoral for the first time.

### BITTEN BY "VAMPIRES."

Mysterious Affair in a French Village Solved  
by a Puzzled Mother.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

PARIS, Sunday.—A remarkable story comes from the neighbourhood of Perpignan.

A lady had recently taken a house there, and was astonished to discover on the first morning that she had moved in that her three-year-old son was bleeding from his toes. She questioned the child, who, however, was unable to give any explanation.

On the second morning the child was bleeding from his fingers, toes, and face.

A watch was set the following night, and two large bats were discovered in the room, one of which was found on the bed.

It then transpired that the house had been formerly occupied by an engineer, who had brought several live vampire bats from Ecuador.

### TRACKED BY A FINGER-NAIL.

Uncommon Clue That Led to the Arrest of a  
Neighbour for Burglary.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

PARIS, Sunday.—On returning from the theatre last night, M. Ferrand, residing in the Rue d'Allemagne, found that his room had been burgled. A quantity of jewellery and silver-plate and a sum of £60 were missing.

Previous to making a complaint to the police, M. Ferrand went to his study to draw up a list, and no sooner had he sat down than he saw lying beside the desk a finger-nail.

He immediately remembered that one of his neighbours had for some time past suffered from a nail which had been jammed, and on taking this piece of circumstantial evidence to the Commissioner of Police, Genet, the neighbour was proved to be the burglar.

### EXHUMATION FOLLOWS A DREAM.

The body of Acting-sergeant Linegan, who served in the Royal Irish Constabulary at Inagh, Co. Clare, has been exhumed in consequence of a dream of his mother's.

He shot himself in his room at Inagh, and his remains were brought by his brother to his native parish and interred in Dunseverich Churchyard.

Since then his aged and bedridden mother, who resides at Whitepark, dreamt that her son had met with foul play, and decided to have the coffin raised and opened, and startling developments are expected.

## FLOATING PAGEANT.

Possibility of Lord Mayor's Show  
on the Thames.

### OLD-TIME BARGES.

It is just possible that Lord Mayor's Day this year may provide a spectacle which has not been seen in London for more than 100 years.

At the end of the eighteenth century the Lord Mayor's procession floated in gaily carved gilded barges upon the broad bosom of the Thames, and it has been suggested that these ancient glories should be revived, and that part of the procession at any rate should be by water.

"The suggestion comes," said Alderman Vaughan Morgan—the Lord Mayor-elect—to the *Daily Mirror* yesterday, "from a very distinguished artist. His idea is that part of the procession from the City to the Law Courts should be by water, the remainder, as usual, by the streets."

"The idea is a very charming one, but there is one almost insurmountable drawback—the expense. All the old barges are done away with, and new ones would have to be built. When I tell you that the barge built in 1816 to carry the then Lord Mayor alone cost over £3,000, you can get some idea of the exorbitantly heavy expenditure that would be necessary."

"My own wish is to adopt as a central idea the entente cordiale and the declaration of peace between Russia and Japan. I should carry it out in the usual way by means of emblematical cars. Nothing, however, is yet settled; in fact, the suggestions have not yet come before the committee which has to make the arrangements."

Being unmarried, the Lord Mayor will be assisted in the social side of his office by his niece, Mrs. Hornby Steer.

### CHURCHWARDEN FINED.

Passage-at-Arms with the Vicar's Sister at  
the Chancel Door.

The Rev. George C. Walpole, vicar of West Wittering, Sussex, appeared to give evidence against his churchwarden, Moses Stone, in Chichester Police Court on Saturday.

After morning service on a recent Sunday the vicar's sister, Miss Adelaide Walpole, tried to leave the parish church by the chancel door. "You haven't a'goin' out of the door," said Stone, closing it on her, and jamming her against the side wall.

He refused to let the lady pass through, whereupon a gentleman friend protested, and the vicar was called.

The magistrates convicted Stone of assault, and fined him 20s. There has been ill-feeling in the village lately in connection with the eviction of the village schoolmaster from the schoolhouse.

### DOMESTIC MARTINET.

Insisted on Her Husband Being Home by  
Nine o'Clock Every Night.

"How late can a good husband stay out at night?" was the real point, writes the *Daily Mirror* Philadelphia correspondent, at issue in a case brought by Mrs. William Everets against her husband.

Mrs. Everets's sole grievance against her husband was that he "simply would not be home at nine o'clock."

"I only want to get a glass of beer and look at the baseball scores, and I am in bed every night at ten," was the husband's meek explanation, whereupon the Judge said he thought Mrs. Everets was just a little unreasonable.

The lady then seemed inclined to relent; but at that prospect her husband passionately exclaimed he could not stand her tyranny any longer.

He is now to live apart from his wife and pay her \$0s. a week.

### TUNNELS TOOK 37 YEARS TO MAKE.

NEW YORK, Saturday.—The twin tunnels under the Hudson River, the construction of which was begun thirty-seven years ago, but was abandoned for a time owing to engineering difficulties, have now been completed.

It is expected that electric cars will be running between New York and Hoboken within eighteen months.—Reuter.

### HELP FOR EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS.

ROME, Saturday.—Lord Brassey has offered to erect, at his own expense, a large number of wooden cottages on the English model for the sufferers in the recent earthquake disaster. The offer has been accepted by the Government, and Lord Brassey's munificence is deeply appreciated by the Italian people.—Reuter.

## DISASTROUS TIDE.

Piled-up Waters Break All Barriers and  
Flood the Land.

Great damage was done along the East Coast on Saturday by a remarkably high tide, which also swept up the Thames to London with extraordinary results.

At King's Lynn, through the overflowing of the Ouse, warehouses and cottages were flooded, and several fields were submerged. In Boston the fires were extinguished, and furniture floated about the lower rooms.

At Scarborough the South Foreshore road was swept by great seas. The waves dashed against the side of an electric tramcar, which vainly tried to get through them, and eventually had to return.

The quays at Dover were completely submerged. At London Bridge the river rose 2ft. 4in. above high-water mark, and many of the wharves below the bridge were flooded. Above the Houses of Parliament the water forced its way up the gulleys beneath the roadway, and for over a quarter of a mile between Horseferry-road and the Vauxhall temporary bridge the road was under water.

The floods were caused by the spring tide coinciding with a strong north-westerly wind, which piled up the waters in the North Sea.

### "SMUGGLERS' YEAR BOOK."

Illicit Traders Very Busy All Round the  
British Coast.

Smuggling would seem still to be a large and flourishing practice, according to the forty-fourth report of the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs.

During the past twelve months 8,723lb. of tobacco and cigars were seized, ninety-three gallons of foreign spirits, and 2,580 persons were convicted.

The smuggled tobacco included a seizure of 231lb., dispatched in a basket-trunk from Rotterdam, and seizures of 130lb. and 80lb. on vessels from Hamburg and Rotterdam.

### HUNTING A BURGLAR.

Three Cyclists, a Cook, and a Housemaid  
Chase Him for Three Miles.

The story of how a burglar was captured after a chase of three miles by three cyclists, a cook, and a housemaid, was told at the Middlesex Sessions on Saturday.

One night the cook at a house in Brondesbury Park heard a noise upstairs, and on going to her mistress's bedroom saw a man, afterwards identified as Sidney George.

He banged the door, locked it, got out of the window, slid down the creeper, and thence to the street, where he was joined by two other men.

The cook and the housemaid gave chase, and were joined by a cyclist, who in turn called two other passing cyclists to his aid.

After a long chase of three miles, George, a man of middle age, was run to earth at West End-lane Station, but the other two men escaped. He was found guilty on Saturday, sentence being postponed.

### AMATEUR WITZOFFS.

Many Americans Who Have Experimented  
Liberal in Matrimony.

There seems to be no end to the American imitations of Witzoff, writes our New York correspondent.

A Chicago lady named Mrs. Hodges has just been explaining that, having tried seven husbands, she has decided that matrimony is not worth while. Four she had to leave on account of drink, one she killed in self-defence—(his name was Bisbee).

"I may yet meet a man who will provide a home for me," she concluded pathetically.

Stanley Sobieszezki, also of Chicago, found two wives more than enough for him. He was glad when he was arrested. They made him nervous.

Louis Levi, of New York, does not seem to know just how many wives he has married. Pressed for an answer on this point, he said wearily, "Go 'way and find out. I'm tired talking."

### TRAIN STOPPED FOR A POODLE.

Mrs. T. C. Platt, the wife of the senator, has, states the "New York World," nearly lost the highly-prized poodle, the gift of King Oscar of Sweden, during a mountain railway journey.

The dog, unable to bear the ratched atmosphere, became very ill, and only by stopping the train and ascending by slow stages, with constant medical attention, was its life preserved.

Mr. C. E. Blundell, of Norwood, a large shareholder in Blundell, Spence, and Co., paint manufacturers, who died worth £24,777, left £2,000 to charity.



## FRAUDS ON A MILLIONAIRE.

Convict's Remarkable Tale of a  
Forgery Plot.

### ROMANTIC EPISODE.

Further developments took place at the Westminster Police Court on Saturday, when there was a further hearing of the sensational charges of forgery and conspiracy which have been preferred against three men and a woman on information communicated to the police by a convict undergoing a long term of penal servitude.

The prisoners are Talbot Bridgewater, of New Oxford-street, a medical specialist; Lionel Peyton Holmes, fifty-three, doctor's assistant; William Edward Shackell, forty-nine, of Buckingham-street, Portland-place, a surveyor; and Elizabeth Foster, a well-dressed woman, of Seaford, Sussex, described as a boarding-house keeper.

The charge against the four prisoners concerns a forged cheque for £819, which was drawn on the account of Mr. Edwin Marshall Fox. The cheque was presented at the Victoria-street branch of the London Joint Stock Bank a few minutes before closing time on the afternoon of September 22, 1904, and was cashed. Two or three minutes after the man who presented the cheque departed it was recognised as a forgery, but the man had made good his escape.

Three months later Holmes was arrested on the charge of uttering the cheque. Twice he was tried at the Old Bailey, and on each occasion the jury disagreed. His defence was an alibi, the chief witness supporting it being Bridgewater. After the second trial no further action was taken against him until he was arrested with the other prisoners on Saturday last.

#### Convict Informer.

The Treasury announced then that the men had been arrested on information supplied by a convict named Fisher, or Dean. He (Fisher) is alleged to have stolen the cheque-forms, and the cheque for £819 is said to have been forged by Shackell and cashed by Holmes, while Bridgewater organised the whole affair.

Mr. Muir, for the prosecution, said Bridgewater had for some years carried on the business of a medical specialist in Oxford-street. But, whatever business of a medical sort was done, a considerable business in the conceiving and organising of forgeries was transacted there.

He had a large acquaintance with notorious criminals of the bank thief and forger class. Holmes had been associated with Bridgewater for eight years, and was constantly at his place in Oxford-street. Shackell used to have his letters addressed to Bridgewater's place, and Bridgewater had said he was the superintendent of the men who distributed handbills advertising the business.

Fisher's story was that directly he came out of prison on June 4 last year he went to Bridgewater to get some money and see if his services were required for any job on hand. He was satisfied in both particulars. He was given "two quid," and told that he must devote himself to a job that had been on hand for a year. This was the job described by Fisher.

A Mr. Marshall Fox, an American millionaire, had a lady secretary named Toovey, who had at various times consulted Dr. Bridgewater. From her Dr. Bridgewater obtained information that Mr. Fox sometimes had as much as £40,000 or £50,000 standing to his credit, and that the safe in the office contained a large quantity of jewellery.

It was due to Miss Toovey to say that this information was really obtained from her unconsciously.

#### Romance and Robbery.

Dr. Bridgewater made love to Miss Toovey, and at the same time got into communication with Billy Wigram, a well-known bank thief. Advantage was taken of their friendship with Miss Toovey to obtain access to a satchel in which she carried duplicate keys of Mr. Fox's safe.

With some such, such as is always carried by professional thieves, an impression was taken of these keys, and later Wigram, effecting an entrance into the office, endeavoured to unlock the safe, but broke the key in the lock.

Shortly after this Wigram was arrested at Glasgow and sentenced to a term of imprisonment. It was a striking confirmation of Fisher's statement that a piece of broken key was recovered from the safe only a few days ago by Detective-Inspector Arrow, with the assistance of a locksmith.

Fisher said that, on coming out of prison, after serving his sentence last year, he called on Dr. Bridgewater, for he was "broke," and wanted some money and something to do. The doctor told him about "Fox" and said his office was in Victoria-street. "Fox" he said was an American, and a pretty strong man financially. He probably had £20,000 or £30,000 worth of stones (diamonds) in the safe.

He said also that his account was probably good for £50,000 or £40,000, and that we might get £7,000 or £8,000.

He (witness) was to have a third of the money. At this stage a remand was granted.

## MISSING STATESMAN.

Mystery of Mr. Chamberlain's Carefully  
Concealed Movements.

For a man whose face is known the world over, as Mr. Chamberlain's is, to disappear for weeks at a time would seem, in this age of publicity, to be a sheer impossibility.

Ever since he slipped quietly out of London on Saturday, August 19, practically nothing has been heard of him, and London is wondering where he has been, what he has been doing, and when he is coming home again.

But the mystery as to his whereabouts at the moment, beyond the fact that he is in France, is impenetrable.

Leaving London on August 19, Mr. Chamberlain travelled straight to Aix-les-Bains, where he remained for three weeks, taking the cure. From there he travelled to Geneva, where he spent a few days boating on the beautiful lake and wandering about its sunny shores.

His next step was Lyons, where he showed particular interest in the silk manufactory. It is understood that he is now making for Paris, and that he will return to England the week after next.

In a private letter Mr. Chamberlain describes himself as "exceedingly fit," in spite of having experienced indifferent weather, and he is keen on getting back to recommence his tariff reform campaign.

### HONOURS DISHONOURED.

Gold Medalist University Graduate Sent to  
Prison as a Worthless Vagabond.

"You have broken faith, and are a worthless vagabond," said the Chairman of the Middlesex Sessions, on Saturday to Duncan Brady, who was brought up for sentence.

Some time ago, Brady, who is twenty-two years old, pleaded guilty to having stolen a silver cigar-box and other articles, and was allowed to go free on his own recognisances provided he went to Canada. This he did not do.

In his defence it was stated that he had been educated at Stonyhurst, where he took the gold and silver medals for classics. He had matriculated at London University with honours, and was a student at the Royal Academy of Music.

"There are others who have no such opportunities," said the magistrate, in sentencing him to six months' imprisonment.

### GAGGED IN THE STREET.

Young Girl's Remarkable Adventure in  
West London.

An amazing story was told at West London on Saturday by a young girl named Ada Edwards, living in High-street, Kensington, who accused three youths of assaulting her.

She said she was walking along Inkerman-terrace, Kensington, in the evening, when she met the defendants—William Chandler, Henry Escudier, and Edward Smith, all of Chelsea, who were complete strangers to her.

They stopped her, and Smith put his arm round her neck. Then they held her, and while Chandler, she alleged, tied her hands with a piece of tape, Smith poured a powder out of some paper down her throat, and she lost consciousness.

Two men who found her leaning against the railings, half-choked by her waistbelt, which had been fastened round her neck, then drove her home.

The case was adjourned in order that witnesses might be called.

### POISON OR DISEASE?

Medical Men Cannot State Definitely the  
Cause of a Girl's Death.

A curious case came before the East London coroner at London Hospital on Saturday, in which the medical experts were unable to say whether death was the result of poison or disease.

A girl of nineteen, Annie Dennett, of Mile End, died after she had returned from work, and the post-mortem examination revealed the fact that death was due to fatty degeneration of the liver.

The circumstances were similar to those of phosphorus poisoning, but, as was pointed out in the medical evidence, they might occur naturally.

"I can give no other explanation," said one of the doctors who made the autopsy, "except acute atrophy of the liver, and the cause of that disease is not known."

After considerable discussion, the jury returned a verdict that "she died from fatty degeneration, but how that was caused, the evidence is insufficient to prove."

### KILLED BY THE CYCLONE.

CAPE TOWN, Saturday.—Seven people were killed and many injured by the cyclone which struck Malansbury on Thursday night, wrecking over a hundred houses.—Reuter.

## CARNIVAL OF BRASS.

Huge Gathering of Instrumentalists  
at the Crystal Palace.

### FIVE THOUSAND PLAYERS.

Those who declare that the English are not a musical nation should have been present at the Crystal Palace on Saturday.

They would have seen—and heard—over five thousand working men, most of whom had carried brass instruments from far-distant parts of the country, and who had all spent many long evenings in constant preparation for the annual band contest which makes Sydenham once a year the Mecca of all musical artists.

Most of the 50,000 people who were present as competitors or listeners were millhands or colliers or blacksmiths at home. But they were all musicians on Saturday.

Yorkshire sent twenty-five bands, London twenty-four, Lancashire seventeen, South Wales thirteen, and Northamptonshire twelve, the remainder of the 150 bands coming from other parts of the country.

The judges, shut up in mysterious places from which the bands could not be seen, listened to the test pieces, repeated many times.

They heard in the championship contest Mermet's fantasia "Roland à Roncevaux," played by twenty-five bands. All day long they listened, and it was not until ten o'clock that Irwell Springs, a Lancashire band, had won the thousand guinea challenge cup and the glory of being the champion amateur brass band of the year.

#### Bandmaster's Triumph.

It was a triumph for Mr. W. Rimmer, one of the bandmasters, who hails from Salporth, for the three bands which he conducted—Irwell Springs, Wingate's Temperance, and Wyke—were placed first, second, and fourth respectively. The third prize was awarded to Lee Mount.

The Hebburn Colliery Band, which won in such a sensational way last year, was placed sixth.

The other successful conductor of the day was little Max Darewski, aged ten, who, in the presence of a company of many thousands, led nearly a thousand bandmen through the dignified strains of Mendelssohn's "Hers" march.

"I would have liked to conduct 'Nelson's Victory,' the descriptive piece which I have just composed in celebration of the Trafalgar centenary," he told a *Daily Mirror* representative afterwards. "But the band parts were not ready, so it could not be arranged."

"It attempts to describe Nelson's great victory at Trafalgar. Of course, it does not do it justice, but I have done my best."

### INGENUOUS MR. PLOWDEN

Thinks "Vanguard" Is a Young Man Instead  
of a Motor-Omnibus.

Mr. Plowden, sitting at Marylebone Police Court on Saturday, developed an air of assumed innocence when there appeared before him Matthew Henley, aged sixty-one, living at Venables-street, Marylebone, on a charge of stealing a purse containing 17s. 6d. from Miss Mabel King, a book-keeper, residing at 95, Wimpole-street.

The young lady said that about seven o'clock the previous night she was in Chapel-street, off the Edgware-road, waiting for a "Vanguard."

Mr. Plowden: A vanguard is a boy, I suppose? (Laughter.)

Witness: No; it is a motor-omnibus.

Mr. Plowden: Oh! I thought it was a young man.

Miss King said she noticed that the prisoner was behind her, and immediately afterwards she felt someone's hand in her pocket. She accused him of having her purse, but he denied it, and when she went for the police he ran away as if there were fifty policemen after him.

Mr. Plowden: You mustn't crush him like that. A remand was ordered.

### KILLED HIMSELF AT 65.

At the age of eighty-five, Edward Dallamore, of Harrow-road, committed suicide.

It was stated at Saturday's inquest that he had been in the employ of the Paddington Borough Council as a road repairer up till five years ago, since when he had received 6s. a week parish relief.

When he lost his wife two years ago he had at times been very depressed. He had a few words with a man living in the house, and this upset him, and he was found hanging dead in a cupboard. He often told his daughter that he wished he had died when his wife did.

### BETRAYED BY BACON.

While being chased by police after assaulting a cyclist, John O'Brien, a tramp, was so tired and hungry that he darted into a farmer's house at Coolakay, Co. Dublin, and snatched the bacon that was boiling in a pot. This led to his arrest.

## LAST OF THE CRUISERS.

Launching of a Great Warship Marks  
the Disappearance of a Type.

H.M.S. Natal, the most powerful and the heaviest armed cruiser ever built, was successfully launched on Saturday at Messrs. Vickers, Sons, and Maxim's yard at Barrow.

It is probable that the Natal is the last of the cruisers.

After the ceremony Mr. Albert Vickers stated that owing to the increasing armour and gun power in modern navies the cruiser was now practically a fast battleship, and would be replaced by that type.

The christening ceremony was performed by the Duchess of Devonshire, and as her Grace pulled the tiny lever which released the cables, the splendid vessel, weighing 7,400 tons, glided down the slips and took the water as easily and as gracefully as a swan.

The Colony of Natal has undertaken to pay annually £25,000, and the Duke of Devonshire, at the luncheon, said that this Colony was the first to recognise the duty to contribute to the support of the Royal Navy, which was for the protection, not only of our own islands, but every portion of the British Empire.

Several representatives of the Japanese navy were present.

The Duchess of Devonshire, being indisposed, left immediately after the launching.

### CHILD ACTORS.

L.C.C. Protest Against Employment of Infants  
on the Stage.

Reporting on the employment of children in theatres, the Public Control Committee of the L.C.C. declares that "they are at times employed up to a very late hour, and then have to travel a long distance to their homes."

"Another decided evil of the present system is that when applications are made for the master's license the child has to attend the police court, and many complaints have been made to the Council's inspectors to the effect that while in the court a child is exposed to distinctly contaminating influences."

"If these children are to continue to be subject to licenses, instead of coming under the general law as to child employment, then all the arrangements should be in the hands of the Council and its inspectors."

### ÆSTHETIC MENDICANT.

Spurned Bread and Meat Because He Wanted  
Something Better.

Although he had a quantity of bread and meat in his possession, Joseph Green, a labourer, still went from house to house in Harvard-road, Cluswick, asking, like Oliver Twist, for more.

When questioned by the Aston Bench on Saturday, Green candidly admitted that he wanted something better than food, and a servant, in corroboration, said that he had asked for money. In his cell that morning, said a constable, defendant had left a lot of food.

Green, who proved violent on being arrested, was sent to prison for seven days for begging.

### THINKING IMPERIALLY.

How Britons All the World Over Are Kept  
in Touch.

The "Over-Sea" edition of the "Daily Mail" is appreciated by all Britons abroad, no matter where they may reside. Within the brief space of ten months it has become the recognised Empire journal, and there is now no part of the world to which it does not penetrate.

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## Winter Fashions.

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## UNDEFEATED NO LONGER.

Stoke and Millwall at Last Beaten  
in League Matches.

## GREAT FOOTBALL CROWDS

(SPECIAL BY "CITIZEN.")

There was much good football on Saturday, and very great crowds encircled the various grounds. At Liverpool there were no fewer than 45,000. Twenty-five thousand saw Fulham play the "Spurs"; there were 20,000 at Derby, Blackburn, and Plumstead; and many other centres had attendances well over 10,000.

It is curious how people single out special matches, where local or semi-local teams are opposed. That 45,000 at Liverpool is probably nearly twice as big an attendance as would gather to see either of the rivals play almost any other club in the League. It was the same at Fulham, where the "Spurs" were the visitors, the gate on that ground being more than twice as large as that on any other metropolitan enclosure.

Saturday's football saw the hopes of several clubs blighted. Stoke, after beating all comers for five matches, went to Blackburn, and were routed by the famous old club of that town. Chester were up to a great fight at Bristol, and the Rovers were a trifle lucky to score a winning goal through Beats a few minutes from the finish. There are, however, few clubs likely to visit Bristol without experiencing defeat.

Sunderland earned some years ago the nickname of the "team of all the talents." Always they have held a high position in the world of football. Although, curiously enough, they have never won the English Cup, they have four times been half-League champions, perhaps the greatest test of ability of all. They were beaten at Sunderland by Notts County, the most surprising result of all the season.

Now, with Middlesbrough very near neighbours, and Bolton Wanderers, they are bracketed at the bottom of the table, and Newcastle United, the champions, have but five teams below them in the table.

### CONSISTENT WEDNESDAY.

Of recent years there has been no more consistent side than Sheffield Wednesday. Champions in 1902-3 and 1903-4, they fell to a middle position last year, after carrying all before them in the early stages of the season. This year again they are right at the top of the tree, and although relatively in a worse position than Stoke and Derby County, on account of three drawn games, have yet earned eleven points for fourteen matches. They drew with Newcastle United at Sheffield on Saturday.

Derby County maintained their splendid form, and in a hard tussle with the famous Aston Villa team they ran out winners by a goal to none.

The Second Division championship looks a good thing for Manchester United. They won a keen fight at Blackpool on Saturday. There was something in the nature of a free fight after the match, and a period of suspension will probably be awarded at least one player.

Bristol City will have few harder hurdles to surmount than their visit to Bradford entailed. They won by 2 to 1, and are now clear ahead of all opponents except Manchester United. Their promotion to the First Division will be very popular, as for years they have always been somewhere near the top of the Second Division.

Rugby football is receiving a hard blow in this part of Yorkshire—one of its strongholds—by the introduction of "soccer," and 15,000 people were present at Bradford.

### 'SPURS AND FULHAM DRAW.

The drawn game at Fulham between the local club and the "Spurs" was an interesting one, with several results. It will be remembered I predicted a draw in Saturday's *Daily Mirror*. Neither team will quite win the championship this year, but both will be near the top.

Southampton probably gave their best display of the season by going to Reading and winning by 2 to 0. West Ham, discharging several imported "stars," played some of their best hitherto and gained a fine victory over Brentford. I hear curious tales of the refereeing at Upton Park, and I saw some at Park Royal. In this connection I will have something to say during the week.

The New Zealanders, as expected, easily defeated Leicester, but they said the "Tigers" were the best fifteen they had met so far. They won by 28 points to 0.

## LAST NIGHT'S NEWS ITEMS.

Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, unveiled a marble statue of Queen Victoria at Blackburn on Saturday, which cost £3,000.

Vacant since the death of the late Lieutenant-General Bateson, the office of Deputy Ranger of Hyde Park will not again be filled up.

Mrs. Betsy Brookes, of Walkden, Manchester, yesterday commenced the ninety-third year of her residence in the house in which she was born in 1813.

While Laura Lewis was standing in the front garden of her father's house at St. Fagans, Cardiff, a man leaped over the wall, snatched her purse and watch, and made off.

After fifteen years' service as sorter at Worcester Post-office, Edward Scott Sanderson is now under remand on a charge of stealing a box of chocolate worth 1s. 6d. from a postal packet.

The Duke and Duchess of Westminster left on Saturday for South Africa, in connection with the Duke's recent acquisition of a large tract of land to be farmed by English emigrants.

In memory of Prince Christian Victor and soldiers of the Border Regiment who died in South Africa, the Border Regiment Cottage Homes at Carlisle were opened by Colonel Dyson Laurie on Saturday.

To advise its members on inventions and improvements they may devise, the Boiler-makers' and Steel and Iron Shipbuilders' Society, one of the most powerful of the trade unions, has retained the services of a firm of patent experts.

A proposal to devote part of the central hall of the Alexandra Palace to winter cricket is being considered by the trustees.

During the week-end Mr. Balfour has been entertaining at Whittingham the Archbishop of Canterbury, Lord Stanley, and Lord Elcho.

Whitchurch parish church, near Cardiff, was without its communion plate yesterday, thieves having stolen it, together with a quantity of sacramental wine.

The captain and four seamen of the steam trawler City of Lincoln, which was stranded on Saturday at Papa Westray, in the Orkneys, were drowned, while seven men were saved.

Nottingham police are seeking a bathor who left behind him in the corporation baths a complete suit, including underclothing, nearly every item of which was saturated with blood.

Mr. Justice Jelf will be the presiding judge at the October Sessions at the Central Criminal Court, commencing on October 16, in place of Mr. Justice A. T. Lawrence, as previously arranged.

"It is the 'lump sum' infant which is most likely to meet with improper treatment," state the London County Council in their report on the working of the Infant Life Protection Act issued on Saturday.

New York, via the West Indies, is a new passenger route, avoiding the rough seas of the North Atlantic, opened on Saturday by the sailing of the Royal Mail Company's steamer Tagus, from Southampton.

## MIRACULOUS ESCAPE IN MOTOR SMASH YESTERDAY.



An omnibus turning into Lordship Park yesterday was run into by a small motor-car. The force of the collision was so great that a wheel of the horse-drawn vehicle was taken off, and the motor-car wedged itself beneath the omnibus. Beyond a few bruises and scratches, the motorists escaped injury.

Admiral Wharton's photograph in our Saturday's issue was by Elliott and Fry.

On four days last week there were no charges at the Willesden Police Court—a record.

Nearly a quarter of a million sterling was left by the late Mr. Henry Bloom Noble in trust for Isle of Man charities.

A fine October being anticipated, most of Yarmouth's holiday attractions are to be kept in full swing for the present.

The first death this year in the parish of West Wickham, near Beckenham, occurred last week. There are about 1,200 residents.

M. Auguste Person, the originator of the crinoline, which retained its vogue for twenty years, has just died near Chalons-sur-Marne, France.

Observing that the Bishop of Liverpool never uses a carriage, a number of leading Liverpool citizens have presented him with a motor-car.

Hunstanton and Brancaster lifeboats rescued the crew of a Norwegian timber ship aground on Saturday on the Woolpack Sands, off the Norfolk coast.

Accused of injuring his brother with a blow from his wooden arm, which had an iron hook in place of a hand, a man was yesterday arrested at Leytonstone.

Half the sum of £1,455 having been raised for an organ which is to be erected in Windsor Parish Church, Mr. Carnegie's promise of the other half is now secured.

Fines inflicted on railway companies for the "smoke nuisance" are too small, state the London County Council in a report showing that in the last twelve months there were 283 fines for this offence, aggregating £855.

## "MILK AND WATER" MEN.

Causes of Deterioration Laid at  
Woman's Door.

## THE REAL REMEDY.

The discussion of the alleged degeneracy of the modern Englishman continues to excite great interest amongst our readers. We publish to-day a further selection of letters on the subject.

### IGNORANT MOTHERS.

I fully agree with "Hit the Nail in the Right Place's" letter, and think it very much to the point.

I firmly believe that a great many modern mothers are responsible for the poor physique of some of the young men of the present day owing to their absolute ignorance of how to feed, clothe, and bring up children.

At the same time, your correspondent must not forget that physical deterioration is not only to be seen in men. One often comes across puny, pale-faced females. H. B. F.

Rock Ferry.

### SMOKING DEFENDED.

I would like to contradict "Narcissa's" statement with regard to smoking, and its effect on the physical and mental condition of the present miniature (?) "Lords of creation."

As "Narcissa" probably has heard, there is much more tobacco consumed in the service afloat than by men ashore, and I would like to inquire whether she has noticed that dwindling of a seaman's stature which, according to her theory, would be unavoidable. I do not dispute the opinions of our famous doctors with reference to cigarettes, but I have a very high opinion of the merits of a pipe of tobacco, and I must say I cannot agree with your correspondent's views on the physical decadence of manhood or its cause. SAILOR AND SMOKER.

Portsmouth.

### WOMEN TO BLAME.

Inadvertently the following interesting comment of Dr. Yorke-Davies on the evils of the habit women have of dry-nursing their children was omitted from his letter on Saturday:—

If the present English race is more degenerate than it was fifty years ago I think the principal cause is the habit that women have of dry-nursing children. In this case, if the offspring survives the first two or three years of life, it never possesses the stamina of a naturally-nourished child.

Another is that the habit of taking stimulant early in life in the way of nips of spirit is more prevalent than it was forty or fifty years ago in both sexes.

Smoking is now indulged in by both sexes at an age which would not have been tolerated forty or fifty years ago.

## BOOMING AMERICAN SHARES.

Mr. Tom Lawson Losing Weight as a Prophet  
of Evil.

CAPEL COURT, Saturday.—The stock markets are recovering. The shake-out and profit-taking have had satisfactory results, and now it seems that the fears of trouble in connection with one important account were exaggerated, and that the worst is over. Even Kaffirs were picking up to-day, and close quite good. Thus Bankets were good at 4 13-16, and Chartered at 2 3-16, and there was hardening-up generally. The stress of the liquidation seems to be over. Most other mining sections were also good. There was quite a late Street market of gamblers in Esperanzas and El Oros waiting for prices from New York. Westralians picked up all round, and the only weak mining spot was the West African section, where Ashanti Goldfields and Sansus are heavy on money requirements. Strations are good at 10s. 6d. on a circular.

They kept the American market going. Apparently Mr. Tom Lawson is losing weight as a prophet of evil, and there seem to be no more market troubles at the moment. And there was quite a smart recovery in the Canadian section, perhaps in consequence of the firmness of Americans. At all events, Canadian Pacific hardened to 181, and Grand Trunks were also inclined to pick up after being weak. Among the few dull spots round the "House" were Foreign Rails, where, after the recent rise, there was a disposition to reduce the speculative account open in several directions.

They are buying land shares still, both Canadian and Argentine, though some of the latter group were easier to-day on profit-taking. Lyons improved. The iron and coal securities are all on the up-grade, owing to improved trade conditions.

Although the Paris Settlement begins next week, there was none of the usual wakening of the market there on Monday. Most Foreign favourites were on the up-grade, the only dull spot being Peruvians.



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## A GERMAN INVADER.

CAPTAIN OTTO VON LOSSBERG, a German military expert, who has been viewing the English Army manoeuvres on behalf of his countrymen, expresses the opinion that our military organisation is a toy one, and that it could not resist German forces, which if they landed in Hull would reach Trafalgar-square in three days.

Captain von Lossberg is somewhat cocksure, of course. That is the present note of his countrymen: He does not, of course, take into account the British Navy, nor does he say that the Germans could defeat it. All he announces is that if once the Germans landed the British Army would be powerless to resist it.

If there were no differences of opinion there would be no horse-racing. Each owner holds a view as to the merits of his horse which is not shared by the other owners. In the same way if opinions did not differ as to the merits of armies there would be no wars.

Military prophecy is a highly dangerous pursuit. The Russian Government proved conclusively on paper before it fought Japan that its enemies would be scattered like chaff before the wind. In our friction with the Boers we met all sorts of conditions which the distinguished theorists at the War Office had never dreamed of.

At present Germany herself is finding out how much easier it is to demolish an enemy with a blackboard and a piece of chalk than it is to do the same thing with real guns on a genuine field. They have discovered that none of their military formulae is effective when employed against the Black Boers, the Hereros with whom they are at war in their "colony" in South-West Africa.

No doubt Captain von Lossberg, who left London on Friday night, after airily disposing of the British Army, has gone direct to South-West Africa to dispose of the Herero army which has resolutely refused to be made away with by the other German experts.

While not accepting the gallant Captain's opinion that the British Army consists of toy soldiers, we cannot help feeling that there is a good deal of room for improvement, and that some of the officers are more fit to go to afternoon teas than they are to go into battle.

According to the best information, the War Office, at any rate, is delighted with the condition of the Army. Each individual official there is in an ecstasy of joy at his own competency. He surveys himself in the glass with a huge complacency, feeling that his country has many misfortunes, but that they are all compensated for by the fact that it possesses HIM.

We are sure that this complacency will not be disturbed by criticism from a "German Johnny," who has the effrontery to come over here and sneer at our soldiering. Nothing ever yet disturbed that complacency, not even the "regrettable incidents" in South Africa, and we do not imagine that it will be seriously interfered with by the remarks of Captain von Lossberg, which, no doubt, are prompted by envy and jealousy—perhaps at the nice new War Office, just built in Whitehall to house the giant intellects that control the Army and decree how many buttons it shall have on its coat.

A. K.

## A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

Obey something, and you will have a chance of finding out what is best to obey. But if you begin by obeying nothing, you will end by obeying Reelzebub and all his seven invited friends.

## THIS MORNING'S GOSSIP.

THE Princess of Wales thoroughly enjoys little expeditions like that she made to Portsmouth on Saturday to inspect the arrangements on the battleship Renown in preparation for the forthcoming visit to India. They afford her that spice of what one may term "domestic" interest which brings so welcome a relaxation from the exacting routine of Court life. Nothing delights her Royal Highness more when, as in this case, some comparatively small additional preparation may make all the difference between a long voyage being comfortable or the reverse, than to discover this as the result of her own personal scrutiny. She never appears to feel fatigue on such occasions, though she allows no detail to escape her notice, and is not content until she has closely inspected and discussed the arrangements in every apartment.

It is hardly likely, however, that the Princess has found it necessary to suggest any radical alteration in the arrangements on the Renown. The fact that they have been in the hands of Captain the Hon. Hugh Tyrwhitt is sufficient guarantee that the preparations have been carried out with all possible care and foresight. Few men have a keener appreciation of the requirements of royalty. He has long been persona grata at Court.

forest, Rominten, in East Prussia, is most strictly preserved. The sport is always extremely good, because, though stags are plentiful, they are exceptionally difficult to approach.

Poor little ex-Queen Ranavaloa! She is always having to suffer some indignity, but perhaps she is a little comforted now that M. Clémentel, Minister of the Colonies, has made a belated apology for failing to accord her an official welcome on her return to Paris recently. Once Queen of Madagascar, the French, after the conquest, removed her from her palace and enforced upon her a residence in Algiers. When later she visited Paris, she was treated rather like a child who was being given an outing, but constantly reminded that she had been a very naughty little girl ever to resist the French attack upon her kingdom. Her treatment evoked sympathy in the breasts of Parisians, and a newspaper started a subscription for the purpose of buying her a new dress. "I haven't had one for three years," said the unhappy little woman.

It soon became quite the rage to send her presents as tokens of their sympathy. She was bombarded with pet animals of all kinds, articles of clothing—gaily-coloured fabrics chiefly, for it was known they appealed to her most—boxes of chocolates and daily bouquets of flowers. But she

General Chaffee was equal to the occasion. Emptying his revolver into the crowd about him he made a signal as though to a force behind. Imagining that they were overpowered the Indians fled, and left General Chaffee to gather up a number of rifles and gallop back with them to his comrades.

## THROUGH THE "MIRROR."

## THE RAILWAY PERIL.

I venture to suggest that, in place of new corridor coaches on railways, those now in use should be apportioned to men or women only. First and third class in front for men; second and third in the rear part of the train, nearer the guard, for women.

Men of a certain position will not travel second or third class, and very few women travel first nowadays. As it is, husbands and wives and others, starting on a journey together, mostly separately, the men going into a smoking carriage; and for respectable persons travelling alone the comfort and safety would be incalculable. The guard would then also possess the necessary authority to eject any man who jumped into a carriage containing a lady at the last moment (a favourite practice), which now he cannot do.

Another point gained would be the immensely improved order amongst the passengers on the platform, where each sex and class would know where to await their own carriage.

K. GRANT.

Clairville, Worthing.

Why cannot the railway companies make use of the patent which I understand is about to be used on the Irish Northern Railway Company's system. All carriage doors will be automatically locked and controlled by engine driver and guard, whereby no one can enter or get out before the train is at a dead standstill. This makes it safe for even a child to travel without the fear of the parents having the dread of their falling out with pampering with door handles.

ALEC EMIS.

Battersea.

## UNENTERPRISING ENGLISH TRADERS.

At our annual exhibition I was surprised to find that hardly one British firm was represented. England is complaining of want of trade, and yet the whole market in Canada is being flooded with American goods, tools, etc.

To-day I went to nine hardware stores for an English-made trowel, but could not get one at any of them. England is getting far behind in Canada's supply. Why? Because American agents are here all the time, and thousands of dollars are going to the States which could go to the Old Country.

JOHN O'LEUNG.

153, Spadina-avenue, Toronto, Canada.

## ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL.

In your issue of the 29th inst. a correspondent signing himself "Sympathiser" makes a very unjustifiable attack on this hospital.

A notification of the death of the patient apparently referred to was dispatched within half an hour of the death to the wife, and she should have reached her the same evening. Owing, however, to her having changed her address, the notification was returned through the Post Office yesterday.

It should be pointed out that the patient's name had been for some time posted on the "Danger list," which means that certain friends had permission to visit at all times. In fact, a sister of the patient did call on Saturday evening and learn the news of the death, which had occurred four hours previously, and she conveyed the intelligence to the wife that same evening.

SYDNEY PHILLIPS, Steward.

St. Thomas's Hospital, September 30.

## AMERICAN "QUICK LUNCH."

We notice in the *Daily Mirror* of Saturday you have a cartoon headed "American Quick Lunch Fails in London," which evidently is meant for the American Quick-Service Restaurant Co., Ltd., which has recently addressed to the liquidation of the close similarity of names and the proximity of the establishment, considerable misunderstanding has arisen in this matter, and is causing us a great deal of inconvenience and loss of trade. We shall therefore be obliged if you will kindly make known that the American Quick-Lunch Restaurant, of 63, Strand, is in no way connected with the American Quick-Service Restaurants Co., Ltd., of 53, Strand.

L. DE SMIT, Secretary.

## IN MY GARDEN.

OCTOBER 1.—October, the first month of the gardening year, comes to find the garden still beautiful and, one might almost say, full of bloom. Autumn flowers are now at their best. Michaelmas daisies, chrysanthemums, dahlias, gilliflowers, late cleantes, several montbretias, and autumn crocuses form lovely pictures.

As for summer flowers, one can pick many a bunch reminiscent of June and July. Roses, as ever, are wonderful; mignonette is everywhere. Even beneath the first fallen leaves, pale primroses and violets are found.

Let us enjoy all these bounties while we may, for dark flowerless days draw near. E. F. T.

## GERMAN INVASION OF ENGLAND.



Captain Otto von Lossberg, an emissary of the German military staff, after attending our manoeuvres, reports that a German invading army would reach Trafalgar-square in three days. This gives a prophetic view of the German army's arrival at that spot.

and is a brother-in-law of Lord Knollys, to whom his sister, the Hon. Ardyn Mary, was married in 1887. When he first joined the Navy as a boy of thirteen, thirty-six years ago, he quickly attracted the attention of his superiors in the service, and they prophesied that he would "do" things. This forecast was fully justified, when in 1884 young Tyrwhitt took part in the Nile Expedition for the relief of General Gordon at Khartoum, and so distinguished himself that he received a medal and clasp and the Khedivial Star. He gained his captaincy in 1889, and in 1902 was chosen for the responsible position of private secretary to the First Lord of the Admiralty.

The pleasant shooting that will take place during the next few weeks will be comparatively unimportant. It is not till next month that it is possible to drive the birds with any success, for at present the preserves remain thick with foliage, affording the pheasants ample shelter, from which they cannot be dislodged. Besides, for another ten days or so the attractions of deer-stalking will prove far superior to many people. At the end of that period the self-respecting sportsman abandons deer-stalking, as the time commences when stags are apt to be too easy a prey. In Germany they do not deem it unsportsmanlike to kill "roaring" stags, and stalking continues into next month. The Kaiser is a keen deer-stalker, and his favourite

remained disconsolate, for ever lamenting the loss of her throne. At a dinner-party once she exclaimed: "I am a beggar and a tramp. Instead of a throne I am given a dinner."

One is glad to learn that Sir Thomas Lipton, at the luncheon-party he gave at the Savoy Restaurant before leaving London for Ismailia, seemed in the best of health again, and to have quite recovered from the effects of his mishap at the Edinburgh Review. A distinguished party of guests had been invited to meet Major-General A. R. Chaffee, Commander-in-Chief of the United States Army. General Chaffee is one of those men whom you instantly size up in your mind as a leader of men. He has a strong, stern face, with deep-set eyes, and a voice that commands instant attention. He rose from the ranks to his present position, enlisting in the cavalry when he was nineteen, and forced himself upwards by sheer ability and pluck. He spent nearly twenty years in fighting the Indians, and many stories are told of his courage.

Once he outwitted a band of Indians by a very clever ruse. Some rebels had looted an American camp, and, while in pursuit of them he outdistanced all his men and dashed amongst the Indians alone, armed only with a revolver. Unless he could deceive the Indians his capture was certain. But



## SPORTING EVENTS PHOTOGRAPHED.



The football photographs of Saturday's matches show—(1) Fulham v. Tottenham Hotspur at Craven Cottage, which was drawn—a general view of the field; (2) Edgely, of Fulham, doing some clever headwork; (3) Woolwich Arsenal v. Bolton Wanderers at Woolwich, which was also drawn—Bolton pressing round Arsenal goal; (4) the autumn meeting of the L.A.C. at Stamford Bridge—start for three miles challenge cup—A. R. Churchill (right), the winner, D. F. McNicol (left); (5) eight miles walk—G. E. Larnier, who broke the record. To-day pheasant-shooting begins, and the pictures show incidents of the sport; (6) waiting for the birds; and (7) retrieving a shot bird.

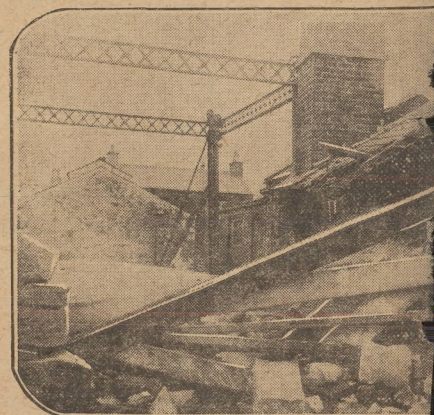
## PHOTOGRAPHS OF

## OPENING OF THE OYST



The oyster season has just commenced at Colchester, and the photographs show—(1) the mayor, in the centre, opening the oyster season.

## DISASTROUS BOILER



Two men were killed and one seriously injured by an explosion. So great was the force that portions of a wall and a roof fell, and the boiler collapsed. The photographs show the debris and the field on which the boiler stood.

## THE MASSACRE IN



These two striking photographs were taken during the massacre. The official going to the assistance of a victim, and in the other, a man dares leave the shelter.



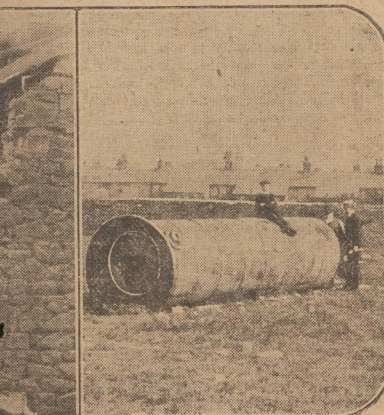
# IE DAY'S NEWS.

## SON AT COLCHESTER.



as been marked by the usual interesting ceremony. The son by the terms of the old charter; and (2) dredging

## SION AT PRESTON.



took place at the Longridge Gas Works, near Pres- were hurled into a gasometer, which itself exploded gasometer, and another boiler which was blown into a way.

## REETS OF BAKU.



the massacre of Baku. The first shows an ambulance e just shot the man lying in the street, and none to his succour.

# FIGHTING TYPHOID AT BASINGSTOKE.



Typhoid is rampant in Basingstoke, and there is scarcely a street in the town from which some cases have not been notified. The hospital accommodation is inadequate, and the smallpox hospital is now in use. The photographs show— (1) excavation in the streets, seeking the cause of the outbreak; (2) the local waterworks, contaminated water from which, it is thought, may have started the fever; (3) a case going into the hospital; (4) the smallpox hospital, now used for typhoid patients; (5) the isolation hospital now filled; (6) the matron (left) and one of the nurses; (7) cart containing blankets going to the hospital; and (8) one of the patients at the isolation hospital.



# ALL THAT A MAN HATH.

By CORALIE STANTON and HEATH HOSKEN.

## CHAPTER XXXIX. (continued.)

Some enemy has been muttering beneath his breath.

Lady Ursula folded her lips into a tight line. To have had to explain herself at all to her niece was an unbearable lowering of her pride. To feel in her heart of hearts that there was some ground for the girl's assumption was intolerable. She remembered how hard she had fought with herself, how all the Valence in her had revolted against the faint insinuation that had crept into the priest's voice when he had suggested that she might like him to send her news of her niece. "Young people will be young people," he had said, with a smile of large tolerance that she had felt called upon to sternly rebuke. As a woman of the world she had had a momentary doubt of the wisdom of having confided in him her burning hopes of her niece's future role on the Sisterhood. But then the frenzied and morbid intensity of her desire had conquered, and she had trampled on the shame, and realised that she feared because Sabra's youth and high spirits, and looked eagerly for the news that Father Connelly had promised to send her, reminding herself that it was he who had suggested it.

Somewhat or other, she had come to repose entire confidence in the man. It was the sort of confidence that women give blindly, and that nothing would shake. And obstinacy always goes hand in hand with fanaticism.

The priest wrote to her, after the meeting in Naples. "Your niece I grieve to say does not turn to spiritual consolation. I think, I fear, that her mind is pre-eminently worldly. It would be an honour and a delight to me to try to turn her thoughts, if you, dear friend, would give me permission."

Lady Ursula had frowned as she read the letter. The Valence pride was very near the surface, and she considered the priest's words officious, though, of course, he erred only through zeal. She was not troubled about her niece's spiritual state. She was not really a religious woman by nature. When all was said, she had only retired from the world because the world contained and was ruled by men. She was simply consumed by a passion, a disease, that one might call homophobia. All the evil in the world, she considered, was wrought by man; woman was in herself a creature so superior that any contact with him degraded her. If she had seriously asked herself why man was allowed to deface the earth by living on it, she would have looked for her answer to some mysterious decree that had set him by the side of woman to encompass her undoing and to test her strength.

And so, when Father Connelly, some weeks later, had written another letter, this time dated from Rome, and imparted certain information in it, Lady Ursula had raged in silence, too proud to question or upbraid her absent niece, and again besieged Heaven with furious, white-hot prayers for the salvation of Sabra's soul.

Now that the girl sat in front of her, unconcerned and apparently unashamed, contemptuous of the priest and impugning his sincerity, Lady Ursula remembered all this, and her wrath blazed forth, defending, contrary to all her principles, the man against the woman.

"I will not listen to you, Sabra," she said. "I do not like to accuse you of deliberate injustice, but you can have no motive in calling Father Connelly by such an outrageous name as a spy."

The gloomy, fanatical eyes fastened themselves on the girl's face with the glance of a sword that transfixes, and, like a sword, could say. "Again I ask you, Sabra," the cold, cultured voice went on, "have you nothing to reproach yourself with? Is your conscience quite clear?"

The girl rose suddenly to her feet and brought her right hand down with a bang on a small table by her side. She was irritated beyond endurance. To be watched and judged, to have to account to anyone for her actions, to submit her mode of life for anyone's inspection—all this was so intolerable, so galling, so intolerable. It was as if one tried to put a racehorse in his prime between the shafts of a cab.

"Your question proves me to be right, Aunt Ursula," She spoke rapidly, impatiently, realising suddenly that she had been wrong to accept any favour from her aunt's hands, seeing that there could never be a real sympathy between them. "The man is a spy. He has been spying on my movements and reporting them to you. He has told you something about me. It is in your mind now. You cannot get it out of your mind. You are longing to question me, to hear what I have to say. Well, question me. I am quite ready to answer. I know what it is, but I will not tell you unless you ask me. I taxed Father Connelly with it just now, when I met him. He took an unparagonable liberty."

"He says," put in Lady Ursula with icy solemnity, "that—that a man visited you while you were in Sorrento."

Sabra felt inclined to laugh. She could not help seeing the absurdity of the thing. Looked at from her point of view it was ridiculous. But Lady Ursula was not ridiculous, because she was in deadly earnest.

"It is not exactly true," the girl replied calmly. "It is true that a man who knows me came to the hotel where I was staying for the purpose of seeing me. But did Father Connelly tell you, Aunt Ursula, that, had it not been for him, this man would probably never have found me?"

"What do you mean?" asked her aunt sharply.

"That Father Connelly met Mr. Swindover in Rome, found out somehow that he was looking for me, and gave him my address, which I don't think Mr. Swindover would have been able to discover."

Lady Ursula's expression struggled between perplexity and wrath.

"How dare he!" she said sharply, and then seemed to meditate for a moment. Her face softened ever so slightly. "I see, of course," she murmured. "We must not judge him too harshly. You see, Sabra, I took him into my confidence about you. He knows what joy you have given me by your vow. And I suppose he, in a mistaken, I admit, but a truly sincere way, wished to test you—to test the strength of your resolve."

She was not prepared for the outburst that followed.

"And are you going to submit me to this sort of thing, Aunt Ursula?" Sabra cried, with crimson cheeks and blazing eyes. "Am I to be placed under the supervision of any man who happens to gain your confidence? It is monstrous!"

"My child, you forget yourself," was the chilly retort. "I am not pleased with Father Connelly. It was an excess of zeal."

"I should call it by another name," Sabra had controlled herself, and spoke with biting scorn.

"But what does it matter?" urged Lady Ursula, who suddenly evinced a desire to conciliate the girl.

"I took no notice. I trusted you. I did not for a moment imagine that you had faltered."

"I should think not," said the girl, with a harsh laugh, "seeing who the man was."

"It was the son of that dreadful person who had Balliol Castle," the cold voice was full of unfathomable scorn. "What did he follow you to Italy for, my child?"

"To ask me to marry him," said the girl in a disgusted tone of voice. "I had refused him once. You remember, I had to help to nurse him when he broke his leg in that motor-car accident, when he saved a child's life. If it hadn't been for that, of course, I should never have known him."

She spoke with the almost brutal unconcern and exclusiveness of her class. "He appeared to take a fancy to me, and asked me to marry him just before he went back to the castle. I refused—no, but apparently I didn't impress on him sufficiently the absolute uselessness of his ever asking me again. He knew I had gone to Italy, and determined to follow me. He wrote to several people for my address—why, he told me he wrote to you, Aunt Ursula."

"So he did. I had completely forgotten. I ignored his letter. I attached no importance to it. And he renewed his proposal in Sorrento, and you refused him again?"

"Of course. It was on the day I was summoned back on account of uncle's illness. I don't think you realise, Aunt Ursula, how very ill Uncle Ambrose has been."

"I am sorry," said the Canon's sister absently. Then she went on in an absorbed tone of voice: "I see, I see. Of course—money does not appeal to you—so it was no temptation—no temptation."

She folded her thin lips tight together. Perhaps she was looking back into the days of her youth, when she, too, had been misguided and warm-blooded, and she was thinking of the time when a man would come into the girl's life whose proposal of marriage would be a temptation.

After a short silence, she held out her hand.

"I am sorry we have had this explanation," she said. "I would have liked you to think that I trusted you."

There was a certain unaccustomed humility in the cold voice that touched the girl's warm heart.

"But I know you do, really, Aunt Ursula," she said gravely. "And, you see, you will have to trust me a lot. I haven't promised never to speak to a man, you know, only never to marry one."

The eyes of the fanatic flamed again.

"And you are still firm, Sabra. Nothing shall shake your resolution. Nay, I would have you confirmed every day in the faith that I have endeavoured to inspire you with."

"Dear Aunt Ursula," replied the girl a little wearily. "It's no good talking like that to me. I don't see the thing from your point of view. I never shall. I have given you my promise; that is all that affects me. It is just as if I had promised you that I would never eat meat any more. I can't tell you my reason for doing it, because you wouldn't understand it if I did."

"I shall continue to pray that your lukewarm spirit may be transformed into a burning faith," said the elder woman. "For your own sake, my child, for then you will find peace. And I want to tell you that I have placed a further sum of money at your disposal. Ours was a bargain, you know, a bargain for your soul, and I want to keep my share of it. Besides," she added, with a faint touch of graciousness in her manner, "it is a joy to me to think that I can give you pleasure. Are you going to travel again?"

"It is good of you, Aunt Ursula," Sabra grew a little red; she was beginning to fret under the obligation. After all, she had given nothing but a barren promise. And yet it was pleasant to do as one liked, and already Stote Magnus was beginning to stifle her. "For Uncle Ambrose is well enough," she added, "I want to take him away to Italy. He must stop working for a time; Dr. Mortimer says it is absolutely imperative. Mr. Norden, the senior curate, can do everything. I hope to bring uncle back a new man."

"I hope so, I hope so." But Lady Ursula's voice was absent, as was always the case when

(Continued on page 13.)

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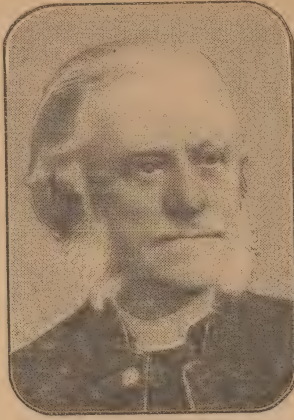
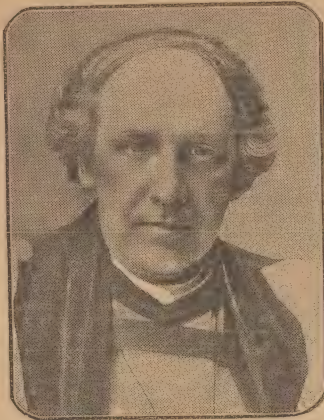
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## CHURCH CONGRESS AT WEYMOUTH OPENS TO-DAY.



The Bishop of London, the Bishop of Salisbury (who is chairman), and Archdeacon Emery (the father of the congress), reading from the left, who will be among the speakers at the Church Conference which opens at Weymouth to-day.—(Russell.)

## WINNERS OF NATIONAL BRASS BAND CONTEST AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE.



The brass band of Irwell Springs, Bacup, Lancashire, which took the first prize in the contest, in which 160 bands took part, at the Crystal Palace. After the competition the massed bands, numbering 5,000 performers, were conducted by Max Darsowski, the ten-year-old child musician.

SIDELIGHTS ON  
YESTERDAY'S NEWS.Interesting Paragraphs Concerning  
Current Events.

## Vast Post Office Site.

The new Post Office buildings, of which the site, it is announced, will lay the foundation-stone on the 16th of this month, will occupy nearly five acres of the site, in Newgate-street, upon which Christ's Hospital stood. They will be used chiefly for sorting and dispatch work.

## The Champion Band's Trophy.

As last year when Hebburn Colliery unexpectedly vanquished the famous Besses o' th' Barn, "outsiders" have again won the championship contest in the great National Band Festival, at the Crystal Palace. The trophy, which is this year given by the Irwell Springs Band, is made of solid gold and silver, and is beautifully chased and encrusted with valuable stones and gems. The Crystal Palace Company paid £1,000 for it, but the makers stated, when receiving payment, that this sum did not cover the actual cost.

## Is Fly Fishing Doomed?

With the end of the month comes the close of the "County Gentleman" describes as the best season for the fly ever known in the north of England. On many rivers there was not a "rise" of fish the whole year. On the other hand it is stated that the natural fly, especially the March brown, has almost disappeared. There is an uneasy feeling that this most fascinating

form of sport is doomed unless we have a change of seasons quickly.

## Spread of Esperanto.

Since the International Congress of Esperantists was held at Boulogne recently the "universal" language has increased in popularity enormously, and numbers of people are attempting to acquire some knowledge of it. Aberdeen School Board have resolved to give facilities to the Aberdeen Esperanto Club to conduct classes in the curriculum of the evening schools during the ensuing winter. The necessary accommodation will be provided by the board, and the responsibility of finding teachers and conducting the classes will rest with the club.

## Interfering with Nature.

Mongoose, which were imported into the island of Nevis, one of the Leeward group, in order to clear off a plague of rats, effectually performed their work, but as a result the island is now burdened with a serious plague of insects. The mongooses having virtually cleared off the rats, had to take to

birds as the next course, says "Country Life," with the result that they have so seriously reduced the numbers of these that the insects on which the birds used to prey have increased to a degree that was unknown before the mongoose was introduced. It affords a striking instance of the danger of interfering with the course of Nature.

## Seven-fold Royal Descent.

The death of Lieutenant-Colonel Edward Millet Forbes, late of the Bengal Army, grandson of James O'Connell, seventeenth Lord Forbes in the peerage of Scotland, recalls the interesting fact that the barony of Forbes, dating from about 1442, is first on the Union Roll, and as such, takes rank before all the lords of Parliament. This ancient family derives its surname from the lands of Forbes, in Aberdeenshire, which have been in its possession for nearly 700 years, and is of seven-fold royal descent.

## Passive Resister's "Chabrol"

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# THE BEAUTY BATH AS THE JAPANESE TAKE IT AND SOME TOILET RECIPES.

## COMELINESS AND ITS CULTIVATION.

### THE ORDER OF THE BATH AS A BEAUTY ASSET.

As Belinda and Mrs. Templar were discussing the subject of baths, Julia entered the room, and hearing the last word, said: "I wish you would tell me how to take a beauty bath."

"With pleasure," replied Mrs. Templar. "Do you want one for any special purpose, such as whitening the skin?"

"May I know how to take a bath that will cure a stiff neck?" demanded Julia. "I sat in a draught last night, and my neck is quite painful."

Mrs. Templar regarded Julia's somewhat rigid attitude.

"Begin by drawing a bath of hot water, and put enough borax in it to soften the water. Then immerse yourself in the bath and apply a soothing lotion to the neck. This is made by stirring a few drops of ammonia in some hot water, using just enough to make the skin tingle. Let this lotion be rubbed on the neck for five minutes."

"And afterwards?" queried Julia, much interested in her instructions.

"Then massage the neck for fifteen minutes and rub it with almond oil. The stiff neck will have disappeared in a short time."

"Is that the beauty bath?" asked Belinda. "No," said Mrs. Templar; "the beauty bath requires a little more trouble. You can, however, begin by softening the water with borax, and then add a handful of oatmeal or bran. Pour in also some orange-flower-water and a dash of eau de Cologne."

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"And what about soap?" asked Julia. "Use an emollient, creamy soap of the best type for the beauty bath, or else the best coal-tar soap. Many women like to adopt the Japanese method of bathing, and this has many points to recommend it," was the reply.

Mrs. Templar handed Julia a fan to screen her face from the fire. "Briefly, it is the custom of the Japanese to attain such perfect cleanliness before they actually immerse themselves in the bath, that the water remains absolutely unclouded after they have entered it," she explained.

"And how can I follow their example?" "Before stepping into the bath, fill a brass bowl with hot water. Then scrub—literally scrub—yourself with either a bath brush or a loofah, moistened with soap. The Japanese take nearly an hour to cleanse themselves in this way, finally rinsing themselves with warm water."

"It makes one feel delightfully fresh and invigorated," said Mrs. Templar, "and the skin glows like a rose."

"Well, to continue the bath," resumed Julia. "I am now supposed to be worthy to step in the scented water. By the way, am I to add anything else to the bath?"

"I will give you a list of the unguents that should be kept on the shelves of your bathroom, and then you can use the ingredients as you like."

"Proceed," said Julia, hastily producing her note-book.

"A box of borax," resumed Mrs. Templar. "One bottle of orange flower water, a two-ounce bottle of simple tincture of benzoin, one bottle of

aromatic bath vinegar, an ounce bottle of scented ammonia, half a gallon of bath perfume, a bag of sea-salt, a bag of pine needles, a bag of dried herbs, and a jar of cucumber lotion, to be applied after the bath."

"And how long shall I stay in the bath?" demanded Julia.

"Not more than twenty minutes to half an hour," replied Mrs. Templar. "Some women greatly weaken their constitutions by staying in too long."

"And after I come out?" asked her pupil. "Dry yourself well with Turkish towels, frictioning the skin well. Then, if you are lacking in flesh, massage your skin all over with perfumed olive oil until every drop of the grease is absorbed in the skin."

"And if I have a skin that requires tone?" queried Julia.

"Then I should advise you to throw a handful of gelatine into the bath," replied Mrs. Templar. "This gives firmness to the skin, and takes away all flabbiness. You should also put a tablespoonful of simple tincture of benzoin in the water, as it assists in toning up the skin."

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## ALL THAT A MAN HATH.

(Continued from page 10.)

she spoke of any member of her family, with the exception of Sabra herself.

Just then a deep-toned bell began to boom through the silent building. It came with a muffled sound through the thick walls, and the girl shivered a little, for it suggested death.

Lady Ursula rose slowly to her feet, a tall, emaciated figure, startling and medieval, with her white coil above her ivory brow, her violet cloak, and the cross of huge diamonds, that would have made the eyes of any rapacious mondaine glitter, blazing on her breast. She made a graceful movement with her thin hands, half of blessing, half of farewell.

"I must go now, my child. Do you care to attend the service?"

Sabra shook her head. Lady Ursula did not insist, nor did she look in any way disturbed. She imposed no religious duties whatever on her niece.

"Come and see me again soon," she said, as Sabra paused at the door. The girl came back to her side in a few quick strides. Sabra never knew what impulse guided her movements, or why, at that precise moment she thought of Father Connolly came to her, and with it, a sinister foreboding of some evil that through him would cross her path.

"Aunt Ursula," she said in a low, tense voice, "don't trust Father Connolly! I don't know why I say this now, but I feel it! I feel it so strongly. He has deceived you. Don't you see that he has deceived you? He never told you that it was he who gave Mr. Swindover my address, who threw him in my way, when otherwise he would never have found me. Don't trust him, Aunt Ursula! I feel sure that he is my enemy."

"My child, you talk wildly," Lady Ursula

raised her head. The movement was eloquent of pride. "How should an ordinary Irish priest be the enemy of a Vallence?"

"Aunt Ursula, I feel sure he will seek to do me some harm. He has deceived you once; he will deceive you again."

Sabra walked to the lodge at the gates, and received her bicycle from the hands of the lay sister in silence. She was intensely depressed. She could not combat the feeling of gloom that came over her whenever she entered the Abbey of St. Ursula; the almost terrified shrinking, when she realised that, in a way, she was pledged to end her days there, set in authority over a number of soured and disappointed women, who sought in religion what they had failed to find in the world.

As she rode out of the lane into the high road, and turned her wheel towards Stoke Magnus, she was so absorbed in her melancholy thoughts that she paid no heed to the road, or anything upon it.

Therefore, she did not become aware of a high dog-cart, drawn by two high-stepping bays, hurried tandem, that was dashing towards her, until she was within a few yards of the leader's prancing front legs.

Then, for some unknown reason—for she was an expert and experienced rider—she lost her head, and, acting on the irresistible impulse that generally attacks the novice, she rode straight into the advancing vehicle.

There was a shout, a clatter, a shivering sound, and Sabra felt as if she were being hurled into eternity.

The next moment she picked herself up and became aware that she was not hurt in the least, and that the roadway was strewn with pieces of bicycle.

She saw a smart groom pacifying the terrified horses, and, standing in front of her—Dick Dangerville, with an expression of mingled horror and relief in his eyes.

And suddenly she began to laugh, tremulously, hysterically, to laugh as if she would never stop.

She felt her hand close on her wrists; she heard his voice in her ear, low, commanding.

"Sabra, stop! For God's sake, stop! How can you laugh? Why, you might have been killed!"

She made a fearful effort; she gasped and choked, and at last she managed to speak.

"I am so sorry. I can't imagine what happened. I didn't think I was such a bad rider as all that."

"Thank God you are safe!" he exclaimed. He had released her hand. She looked at him furtively. It was true what they said. How changed he was, how grave, how sad! Did it matter to him so much that his bride of a few hours had disappeared?

"What are you going to do?" he asked. "Your bicycle is a wreck." He smiled a little whimsically. "Is it any good picking up the pieces?"

"It doesn't look like it," she answered ruefully. And again she looked at him, and again she wondered at the change. She hardly recognised him.

"We can take the largest pieces back with us," he said. "Masters," he added, addressing the groom, "I'll see to the horses. Pick up as many pieces as you can." When it was done, he turned to Sabra. "Get up," he said quietly.

"Where?"

"Into the cart."

"But—"

"I am going to drive you home, of course! Please—please, don't refuse."

There was something compelling in the gaze of the clear eyes that looked so sobered, as if they had been seeing unpleasant things. The girl jumped into the cart. Dick followed her.

"Take all the rug," he said. "I insist. It is very cold."

(To be continued.)



## STOKE BEATEN

## AT BLACKBURN.

Sheffield Wednesday and Derby County Now at the Head of Affairs.

## DISAPPOINTING WOOLWICH.

By S. B. ASHWORTH (League International).  
Stoke's downfall at Blackburn has shattered the fond hopes of their supporters, which was to see them defeated during September. Yet defeat was bound to come sooner or later, and the side, as at present constituted, must assuredly have shared the League's relegation.

To slip three goals past Rose was a remarkably fine performance for the Rovers, and they can now cry quits with the "Poters."

By winning by a short head from the Villa, Derby County completed the last month's work they have accomplished, and although on points just trailing on the heels of Sheffield Wednesday, they are virtual leaders. Their good average is a caution, and the defence would appear to be well nigh impenetrable. What a testimonial the incomparable Bloomer will receive can this success but confirm.

Manchester City are truly a marvellous side, four clear goals and such stalwarts as Meredith, Frost, and Hillman missing. By the way, a sort of mystery seems to be hovering over the latter. Wee Lot Jones must have improved out of all recognition, or probably he has acquired this same confidence so essential to success. McMahon shot one of those goals people will talk about in generations to come. Middlebrooke's position is bad indeed, and the goal record deplorable.

How pleasing it is to compliment Notts County on their glorious success at Sunderland, far and away the best performance of the year. May it be the beginning of better times for this grand old club, which of late years has had more than its share of the "curse of fortune's wheel." Fancy Sunderland bracketed bottom. One can scarcely credit it.

If Newcastle United kept in their present groove they will soon be dubbed the erratic side of the League, for now, not content with the victory, they have shattered the hopes of Tynesiders on their next at-home day, they must needs visit Sheffield and play a draw with the undefeated Wednesday. They thoroughly earned it, too.

What a spectacle Goodison Park presented with its 45,000 onlookers, and the latter got full value. Everton invariably show up well against their rivals from across the park, and got a well-deserved victory. The forwards have evidently tumbled into their stride, so that there are breakers ahead for future opponents.

Disappointing Woolwich Arsenal again failed to flatter their supporters, and their inability to register a win out of the three last home matches, gives their record a sickly appearance. Points won last night now, may mean much on the day of reckoning.

Tom Budgeley had a little to say in Wolverhampton's surprising success at Bury, and the "Shakers" must be deemed unfortunate to meet him in such international form. Their cup was probably reversed in the return, when Woolridge, two minutes from the end, snatched up a stray opportunity, and won the game.

Birmingham and Sheffield United, teams which affect much the same style, had a stiff-tussle at Coventry-road, and the smart homesters gained a creditable success, a result which will probably be reversed in the return. Some of the undoubted stars in the ranks of Notts Forest found their feet against Preston, and nothing but McBride's wonderful keeping kept the goals down to a solitary one.

## MILLWALL BEATEN.

Fine Victory for Luton—Spurs and Fulham Draw.

(By F. B. WILSON, Cambridge University.)

After a snarl and a clear game at Bristol on Saturday, the Bristol Rovers managed to beat Millwall by 3 goals to 2. The game was fast throughout, and the sides pretty even, but the home side deserved their victory. Jones scored twice, and the first half was just before the interval Clark equalized from a corner. In the second half sensational football kept the spectators on their feet, and in the last minutes of the final whistle Beatts slipped the ball into the net for Bristol. This was the final score, the home team winning by 2 goals to 1.

Fulham were rather lucky at home, on Saturday, to draw with the "Spurs." Both sides put plenty of pepper into the game, but the defence was very safe, and neither goalkeeper had much cause for anxiety. The "Spurs" played their new half, Darnell, and he came out of the game with much credit. For the same side Eggett was very smart in goal.

The rearrangement of the West Ham team was very effective, and the "Hammers" scored a good victory over Brentford, at Upton Park, by 2 goals to 1. Wilkinson made his bow with great success at outside forward, and proved a clever and speedy player. Half an hour from the start Bridgeman gave Brentford an opportunity, and a goal resulted. Brentford nearly equalized soon afterwards, Kingston scoring ten minutes from the referee's whistle. Not over the last five minutes of the West Ham scored again, a clever run and centre giving Hillson an opportunity.

Luton, adopting open tactics, beat the Queen's Park Rangers on the latter's ground, superior pace and dash neutralizing the Rangers' extra cleverness. In the first half Luton, playing with the wind, scored three times, the Rangers' backs being defective. The second half opened in sensational scenes, and in the last minutes the Rangers in the first minute. After this Luton held their own till just before the finish, when Ryder got through.

Southampton won a moderate game with Reading by 2 goals to love, at Reading. Both sides lacked speed, and the football, though not brilliant, was well kept, except in the matter of goal-keeping. Both Newbigging and Burrows were in excellent form. Portsmouth had no difficulty in beating Reading, and the latter's defence, and the final score was 4-0 in favour of the home side. E. G. D. Wright, the Cornishman, made his first appearance for Portsmouth.

As anticipated, Plymouth Argyle were victors at Watford, the score being 3-0. Watford were not in the best of Plymouth in the first half, and Buck added a point in the second. Watford struggled gamely to get level, but they could never beat the Saints.

## NEW ZEALANDERS BEAT LEICESTER.

Tigers Give a Good Display, but Are Overmatched.

(SPECIAL BY TOUCH JUDGE.)

In the Leicester-New Zealand match on Saturday the game went pretty much as might have been expected. Having had some decent practice, the Leicester forwards, as being of the crack Midland side, made a much better fight of it than the previous fixtures that had encountered the New Zealanders, but still had to submit to a severe reverse.

Thanks to the bustling tactics of their forwards and Braithwaite's energy at half, Leicester prevented any scoring for nearly half an hour, but once the New Zealand scrummers, thanks to their superior condition and more methodical mode, had worn down the opposition, the result was not long in doubt.

Directly the Colonial backs secured their chances there was only one side in it. The speed, resourcefulness, and general combination of the visitors' back division were far too much for the Leicester three-quarters, who were quite outclassed. A. O. Jones was capital at full-back, but was badly let down by his three-quarter line.

It is interesting to note that two English clubs on Saturday adopted the New Zealand style of seven forwards and eight backs, and in each case the experiment was attended with brilliant success. Devonport Albion beat Rosslyn Park by 6 goals and 3 tries to nothing, and Chesham, after failing to score in the first half, defeated Handsworth pointlessly by goals and 4 tries.

Blackheath beat the Old Leysians very comfortably, and the latter, who were much improved on the result of the preceding Saturday. Their forwards, who out-weighted the Leysians' pack, practically won the match by gaining better than three tries in the last half. Hosken, the crack Leysian three-quarter, had few chances, but he was twice beaten for cleverness by the visitors, as, as I noted last week, is as fit and agile as ever.

Like Blackheath in their first match, Richmond won their opening engagement by the difference of a successful place-kick. The United Services gave Richmond a hard game, but on the afternoon of the match they were about as well as they could be. The play all round, however, was only of moderate quality.

The Harlequins were so obviously out of condition that their bad beating by the Old Merchant Taylors need not be taken very seriously. Though the lighter pack, and the forwards, were forwardly, the forwards were not in the best of condition, and the play all round, however, was only of moderate quality.

Gloucester gained a handsome win over Bristol, their great rivals in the county. It is to be noted, however, that Bristol made an even fight of it until losing dates, the full-back, Gloucester afterwards scoring four times.

## NORTHERN UNION SPORT.

Runcorn the Only Undefeated Club—Wigan Beat Leigh.

(SPECIAL BY HORNET.)

Previous to Saturday there were three undefeated clubs in the Northern Union, now Runcorn alone can claim to be undefeated. They were all looking down on the whole of their contemporaries in the first position in the table. Everyone will wish the old Cheshire club a continuance of good fortune.

It cannot be said that the downfall of either Leeds or Bradford was made for great surprise, but the result of the former is a singular circumstance that they have never yet won at Keighley. Parenthetically, it is to be recorded that Keighley have never won at Huddersley, and on Saturday Leeds had to return home beaten by two points, the only goal of the match being kicked from a penalty by Walker.

Stacey was in great form for Keighley, and his speed more than saved his side from the reverse, when Leeds were making desperate efforts to score.

It was a very small margin, also, by which Bradford lost to Hunslet in a match remarkable for the keenness shown. No doubt the presence of Eagers, the ex-Bradford man, in the Hunslet ranks accounted to some extent for the feeling shown. Albert Goothe showed how indispensable he still is to Hunslet by dropping the inevitable goal, but it was Glee's try, scored in the last ten minutes, which settled the issue.

In that they had Whiteley injured for the greater part of the game, and lost Shooter out of the field, Hunslet lost a very fine performance.

Holmers and ex-holders of the Cup were in opposition at Halifax, where the former were rather lucky to effect a draw. Halifax, indeed, were markedly superior to Warrington, who, though they had Fish back again, lacked Keayson and Davis, blunders, blunders as ever, scored a most unexpected try, and was one of the chief agents in Warrington drawing level, after being apparently well beaten. It was Brooks, however, who stood out most prominently on the Warrington side.

There was naturally a big gate at Wigan to see the exciting encounter between the locals and Leigh, and no one witnessing the scenes of enthusiasm manifested at that place could justly talk of the declining popularity of Northern Union football. That Wigan was won due almost solely to the brilliance of Leytham, the old club's three-quarter, who was a real star and shoulders above every other man on the field.

At Rochdale, too, there was a marked revival of interest coincident with the visit of Oldham, who drew the best "gate" the Hornets have had for years. The game was a surprising good play, and the result was no disputing the fact that they were outclassed. White, the former Somerset man, was Oldham's most valuable player, and Blincoe and Regg showed up the Rochdale side.

Some rough play was seen at Salford, where four players, Shapps and Barton, of Salford, and Lewis and Foulkes, of St. Helens, were sent off the field. Salford were the victors, Hampson scoring one particularly brilliant try on their behalf.

Widnes led Swinton for a long time, but in the end the villagers won; albeit they had Valentine injured in scoring the equalizing try. It was Swinton's second win, and a very creditable one. Huddersfield had a field day at the expense of Castleford, amazing thirty-six points. Broughton Rangers, too, had no difficulty in beating their opponents, and the result disappointed their admirers by their overabundant display. They simply could not cope with the splendid composure of the visitors, who were the only club who were on the winning side, the town team being beaten in their match at Dewsbury, and Kingston Rovers satisfactorily beating the Bailley.

## RUGBY IN WALES.

Cardiff, Newport, and Swansea All Score Victories.

By GWYN NICHOLLS (Welsh International).

Of late years the result of the match between Cardiff and Penarth has been a foregone conclusion, but last Saturday the result was well to the fore and the Cardiff a severe shock. A draw was the result, time alone saving Cardiff from defeat.

Cardiff's display was an improvement on that of last week, the forwards showing more cohesion in the pack, and consequently were able more often to get possession. They needed well, and although Bush did his best to open out the game, the three-quarters lacked the necessary finish to carry on the work of attack to the crucial stages.

Pullen has pluck and dash, but is not a class centre, and Ganton is not yet in form. The wings suffered through the centres' inability to cut out the openings, but both Williams and McGrath did that which was asked of them. Windfall, at back, except for one blunder, did well. His penalty goal was a beauty.

The Penarth men were keener personified, but lacked cleverness. The forwards were fast in the open, and did a deal of worrying to the opposing backs. Franks stood out as their best, and in the three-quarter line Thomas did a lot of useful work.

Newport found tough opponents in the visitors from Llanelli, but the number of years for Swansea, then, the adverse score of 15 points would indicate. They were strong forward, and although they were not the equals of the Llanelli forwards in the open they showed more robustness, and were quite as good in the scrums. Newport were weak at half-back, and had a little the worse of the argument in this department.

It is to be hoped that Vile will soon drop into his true form. The Newport three-quarters had not many opportunities, but did well. Wyatt Gould brought off a few strong bursts, and his presence strengthened his side. For Sydney Lewis was useful, and kept a watchful eye on Llanelli.

The task of overcoming Neath on the St. Helens ground was no mean feat for Swansea, then, light one. It was not, however, the case on Saturday. Swansea eventually ran out winners by 6 points to 0, but not without a struggle. The forwards of the Swansea men have evidently not yet got into their stride, and the Neath men for the greater part of the game were quite their equals, and were effective in their method of breaking up Swansea's attempts at combination. Trewh was the best of the backs, and was solely responsible for some of the results of the game. Bevan, for Neath, gave a good display at full-back.

## RESULTS AT A GLANCE.

ASSOCIATION.	
THE LEAGUE—Division I.	
Woolwich Arsenal (h).....	0 Bolton Wanderers.....
Blackburn Rovers (h).....	3 Stoke.....
Derby County (h).....	1 Aston Villa.....
Notts County.....	3 Sunderland (h).....
Sheffield Wednesday (h).....	1 Newcastle (Brown).....
Everton (h).....	0 Liverpool (McClaren).....
(Settle, Abbott, Hardman).....	1 (Hewitt, Goddard).....
Wolverhampton W.....	1 Bury (h).....
Notts Forest (h).....	1 Preston North End.....
Manchester City (h).....	4 Middlebrough.....
(Dorsett, J. L. Jones, Mac- pherson).....	2 Sheffield United.....
Birmingham (h).....	2 (Field, from scrimmage).....

Division II.	
Chelms (h).....	0 Leicester Fosse (h).....
Barnum Port Vale (h).....	2 Clapton Orient.....
Manchester United.....	1 Blackpool (h).....
Bristol City.....	2 Bradford City (h).....
Stockport County (h).....	0 Glossop.....
Chesham (h).....	3 Burnley.....
Barnsley (h).....	2 Grimsby Town.....
Hull City (h).....	1 Burton United.....

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.	
Fulham (h).....	0 Tottenham Hotspur.....
West Ham (h).....	2 Brentford.....
(Blair, Brown, Hinton).....	3 Queens' Park Rangers (h).....
Bristol Rovers (h).....	2 Millwall.....
(Clark, Beatts).....	0 Swindon (Jones).....
New Brighton.....	0 Norwich City.....
Brighton and Hove A. (h).....	2 Reading (h).....
Southampton.....	0 Northampton.....
Portsmouth (h).....	2 (Smith, S. Kirby).....
Plymouth Argyle (h).....	2 Watford (h).....
(Wilcox, Buck).....	

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.	
Celtic (h).....	1 Arbroath.....
Heart of Midlothian.....	3 Queen's Park (h).....
Falkirk (h).....	1 Dumbarton (h).....
Kilmarnock (h).....	1 Partick Thistle.....
Dundee.....	1 Motherwell.....
St. Mirren (h).....	4 Aberdeen.....

GLASGOW CUP.	
Third Lanark (h).....	1 Glasgow Rangers.....

RUGBY.	
New Zealanders.....	10 Leicester.....
Blackheath (h).....	20 Old Leysians.....
Richmond (h).....	10 United Services.....
London Welsh (h).....	0 Old Whitehearts.....
Old Merchant Taylors (h).....	23 Harlequins.....
Plymouth (h).....	0 Old Wyke.....
Olympic (h).....	8 Newton Abbott.....
Coventry (h).....	4 Northampton.....
Exeter (h).....	14 Cardiff.....
Cardiff (h).....	12 Penarth.....
Swansea (h).....	6 Neath.....
Pontypool.....	25 Bath.....

NORTHERN UNION LEAGUE.	
York (h).....	11 Brighouse Rangers.....
Salford (h).....	25 St. Helens.....
Leigh (h).....	13 Oldham.....
Halifax (h).....	10 Warrington.....
Hull Kingston Rovers (h).....	7 Bailley.....
Leeds (h).....	10 Old Whitehearts.....
Millom.....	10 Morecambe (h).....
Broughton Rangers.....	13 Barrow (h).....
Wakefield Trinity (h).....	8 Northampton.....
Widnes (h).....	2 Walsley.....
Bradley (h).....	3 Pontefract.....
Widnes (h).....	3 Walsley.....
Huddersfield (h).....	36 Castleford.....
Hull.....	13 Dewsbury (h).....

## SATURDAY'S RACING.

Cape Verde Wins the Prince Edward Handicap.

Sir Ernest Cassel's Cape Verde won the Prince Edward Handicap at Manchester very decisively, though the field was only a weak, from Glenamoy, Chalcabomb, and others. The result was well to the fore and the Cape Verde in the last quarter-mile, albeit Glenamoy made up a lot of ground.

Three-year-olds secured the honours in occupying the third, fourth, and fifth places. Cape Verde and Glenamoy may carry more weight in the future, but the latter, under the St. Jeger winner ran well, but would have been better suited to a longer and straighter course. He finished three lengths behind Glenamoy.

Nothing is more remarkable than the great improvement worked in Glenamoy by Brewer, who has fairly earned the distinction of being one of his superior. On Brewer will fall the credit of the victory, and of defending the Jockey Club Stakes from being captured by the French.

The English horses left in are very moderate, and of these Challenge is probably much the best. St. Amant would more likely break down than win. The peculiar features attaching to horses is seen in this case, for whereas Government have done yeoman's service for M. Blanc, St. Amant has done nothing since his sensational victory over Government at the Derby.

Government, which arrived to do his final gallop at Newmarket, is a great stayer, and that cannot be said for most of his opponents. In this respect, indeed, Polytechnic is deficient, but his time trouble is inferior. To Challenger we must look for the most effective opposition to Government. But in truth this £10,000 prize is likely to follow the Eclipse Stakes into M. Blanc's pocket.

Win or lose, Challenger's display will have considerable bearing on the Cambridgeshire, which grand handicap has received very little speculative consideration up to the present. The result of the race is very important for the Cesarewitch. Admiral Breeze is also soundly supported, and Manaton pops up in the betting since the Bekestone victory. A candidate sure to see a short price is Merry Andrew.

A stable companion of Manaton, viz., Hathor gelding, won the Folkestone Handicap of Saturday after an exciting finish against Leopold. F. Hardy, who has been in good form at Folkestone, rode the winner, beating E. Hardy by a short head. The Kent's result is very successful, and the beautiful weather contributed greatly to the entertainment of visitors. GREY FRIARS.

## SATURDAY'S WINNERS AND PRICES.

MANCHESTER.	
Race.	Winner.
Palatine (h).....	8 to 1 Cape Verde.....
Leigh (h).....	6 to 1 Glenamoy.....
Saturday (h).....	11 to 8 Glenamoy.....
Alchemilla (h).....	10 to 1 Glenamoy.....
Prestwich (h).....	10 to 1 Glenamoy.....
The above are "Sporting Life" prices. "Sportsman" prices: 6 to 1 Cape Verde, 10 to 1 Glenamoy.	
FOLKESTONE.	
Race.	Winner.
Westminster (h).....	4 to 1 Cape Verde.....
Lea (h).....	9 to 4 Glenamoy.....
Handicap.....	5 to 1 Glenamoy.....
Cliff (h).....	10 to 1 Glenamoy.....
The above are both "Sporting Life" and "Sportsman" prices. The figures in parentheses indicate the number of starters.	

## G. E. LARNER BREAKS WORLD'S RECORDS.

G. E. Larner made a successful attempt on the amateur and professional world's walking record on Saturday at Stamford Bridge. Breaking the five miles record, Larner walked brilliantly to the finish, and covered the eight miles in 58min. 30 sec. Continuing, he covered 8 miles 438 yds. 1 foot 9 inches in the hour. A. R. Churchill, the Cambridge Blue, won the three miles race in 15min. 55 sec.

## SPORTING NEWS ITEMS.

F. Jacob won the Middlesex Walking Club's twenty-two miles race on Saturday, from scratch, in 3hr. 59min. 7sec.

By riding from Edinburgh to London in 26hr. 10min., G. H. Brydson has beaten G. A. Olley's previous record by 1hr. 1min.

The great professional golf tournament of £240, for which many of the great players have qualified, commences at the Walton Heath Club tomorrow.

E. L. Gay Roberts, who won the mile for Oxford in 1902, secured the scratch golf prize at Ealing on Saturday with the score of 74. This equals the amateur record of the course.

In honour of B. B. Keiran, the amateur champion swimmer of Australia, a farewell concert was held on Saturday at Frascati. Mr. Keiran leaves England for Australia on Friday next.

ENGLISH TEAM IN GERMANY.  
An Association football match between the English Ramblers, the nondescript unrecognized side, and the German Club Germania, which was played at Berlin on Saturday, resulted in a fiasco. As a protest against a number of decisions about off-side given by the referee, Hans Reuter, the English side stood play. The game, however, was subsequently resumed.

The German showed good combination, but both sides did not play well. The play was at times very rough, and there was a lot of fouling. At the close of the game the score stood—Germania 4 and the English Ramblers 2 goals. The visitors claim that two of the German goals were off-side.

## TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

THE LEAGUE—Division II.	
Burton: Burton United v. Glossop.	
WATFORD LEAGUE.	
Brentford: Brentford v. West Ham United.	
Fulham: Fulham v. Bristol Rovers.	
Millwall: Millwall v. Tottenham Hotspur.	
Tottenham: Tottenham Hotspur v. Plymouth Argyle.	
LANCASHIRE CUP.	
Bury: Bury v. Bolton Wanderers.	
Bolton: Bolton Wanderers v. Blackburn Rovers.	
St. Helens: St. Helens Recreation v. Blackpool.	
UPPER MERSEY CUP.	
New Brighton: New Brighton v. Brighton and Hove.	
Albion.....	



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